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— HELD AT —

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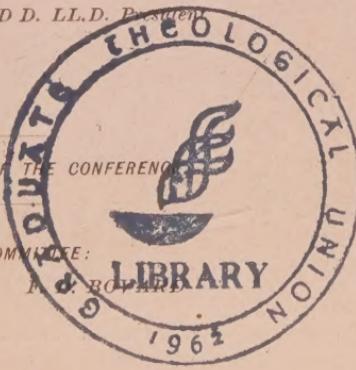
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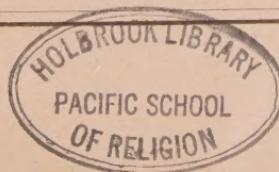
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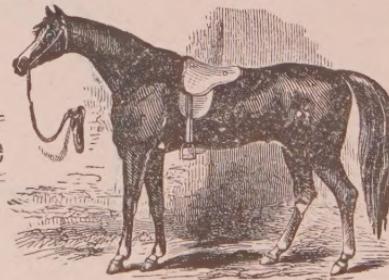
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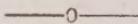
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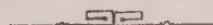


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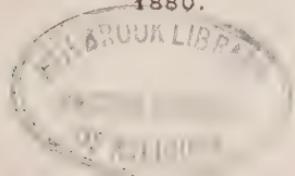
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FIRST DAY.—September 2.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, }
September 2d, 1880. }

The Fifth Annual Session of the Southern California Conference opened in the Fort Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, California, September 2, 1880, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., Bishop I. W. Wiley presiding.

The Bishop read the 4th Chapter 2d Corinthians, and the 789th hymn was sung. A. M. Hough led in prayer, after which the 2nd hymn was sung, and the Bishop led in prayer.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and the following Brethren answered to their names:

Adam Bland,	Marion M. Bovard,	Horace Holdridge,
Isaac M. Leihy,	John McKelvey,	Charles Shelling,
Asahel M. Hough,	Fred. S. Woodcock,	John B. Green,
J. M. Campbell,	S. B. Guiberson,	J. H. Peters,
P. Y. Cool,	J. W. Leech,	William Nixon,
C. W. Tarr,	J. B. Callaway,	B. A. Washburn,
J. D. Crum,	E. S. Chase,	J. H. Book,
William A. Knighten,	Freeman D. Bovard,	G. H. Bolinger,
Joel A. Van Anda,	C. G. Belknap,	
	John A. McMillan, Probationer.	

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

The following nominations were made, and elected by the Conference:

On Education.—A. M. Hough, John B. Green, E. S. Chase, F. D. Bovard.
J. A. Van Anda, J. H. Peters.

On S. S. Union.—B. A. Washburn, J. M. Campbell.

On Bible Cause.—C. W. Tarr, P. Y. Cool.

On Church Extension.—A. M. Hough, J. W. Leach.

On Sabbath Observance.—J. B. Callaway, F. S. Woodcock.

On Temperance.—I. M. Leihy, John A. McMillan.

On Tract Cause.—J. D. Crum, Horace Holdridge.

On Auditing Accounts.—William Nixon, Adam Bland.

On Pastoral Address.—P. Y. Cool, John McKelvey.

Conference Board Stewards.—P. Y. Cool, C. W. Tarr, A. Bland.

On Missionary Cause.—A. M. Hough, J. A. Van Anda.

On Postoffices.—J. D. Crum, J. H. Peters.

On Publishing Interests.—A. M. Hough, C. G. Belknap.

On Publishing Minutes.—M. M. Bovard, F. D. Bovard.

On Collecting of Funds for Publishing Minutes.—I. M. Leihy, S. B. Guiberson.

On Public Worship.—C. Shelling, M. M. Bovard.

On Episcopal Fund.—William Nixon.

On Freedmen's Aid Society.—B. A. Washburn, C. W. Tarr.

A Committee on the State of the Church was ordered; and I. M. Leihy and J. A. Van Anda were appointed said committee.

The Conference fixed the hour of 9 A. M. as the time of opening, the first half-hour to be spent in a prayer meeting, the business session to begin at 9:30 A. M., and close at 12 M.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee on Missions.

The Conference ordered that when the names of the members shall be called each shall state the amount of Missionary, Church Extension, and Fifth Collection, and if all the other collections were taken.

Question Tenth was called. Charles Shelling, Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District read his report of the District; his character was passed, also that of the following Elders of his District: M. M. Bovard, E. S. Chase, A. M. Hough, P. Y. Cool, William Nixon, John B. Green, B. A. Washburn, J. B. Callaway, J. D. Crum, and I. M. Leihy.

A committee was appointed to inquire into the case of A. H. Tevis, who left his work in the early part of the Conference year. The Committee consisted of P. Y. Cool, F. D. Bovard, and J. A. Van Anda.

The name of William A. Knighten, Presiding Elder of the Santa Barbara District, was called, and he read his Annual Report of the District; his character passed, and also that of F. D. Bovard, J. M. Campbell, J. A. Van Anda, S. B. Guiberson, C. W. Tarr, J. W. Leach, J. H. Peters, J. McKelvey, F. S. Woodcock, A. Bland, H. Holdridge, and C. G. Belknap.

Brothers Morgan of N. Y. Conference, R. W. C. Farnsworth of Providence Conference, and E. S. Chase who was transferred to this Conference from the New England Conference one year ago, were introduced to the Conference.

The Conference ordered the roll to be called for the Statistical Reports Friday morning.

The Standing Committees were requested to be ready to report as early as Saturday morning.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. P. Y. Cool.

SECOND DAY—September 3.

Conference Prayer Meeting was led by I. M. Leihy.

The business session opened 9:30 A. M., Bishop Wiley presiding. Minutes read and approved.

A draft of thirty dollars was drawn on the Chartered Fund.

Rev. W. B. Kavanaugh, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was introduced to the Conference.

The editor of the California Christian Advocate was requested to publish the Reports of the Presiding Elders.

The order of the day was taken up, and the roll called. The Treasurers of the several benevolent societies received the collections from the members of the Conference.

Question 5th was taken up, and the name of John A. McMillan was called. The Committee on Examination reported; the Presiding Elder represented him; the Bishop examined him on doctrine and discipline, after which he was admitted into full connection; and elected to Deacon's Orders.

O. S. Frambes was called; the Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued as a Deacon of the Second Class, subject to examination on the third and fourth years of the Conference Studies. The Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Prof. Frambes Principal of the Phoenix High School, Phoenix, Arizona.

The following committee was appointed to prepare a memoir of Sister A. A. Belknap, the wife of Rev. C. G. Belknap: F. D. Bovard, J. H. Peters, P. Y. Cool.

Bishop Simpson arrived from his visit to the Arizona Mission, was introduced to the Conference, and invited to a seat on the platform; also, G. H. Adams, of the Arizona Missions.

The Board of Managers of the Orphans' Home of Southern California invited the Conference to visit the Home. The Conference accepted the invitation with thanks, and requested the members to visit that institution at their convenience.

Santa Barbara was fixed as the place to hold the next Annual Session of the Conference.

The Committee on Sunday School Union was instructed to recommend in their report that a Sunday School Convention be held within the bounds of the Conference, sometime in November of the present year.

Rev. C. J. Hutchings, Pastor of the Congregational Church, Rev. J. W. Ellis, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. T. Curtis, Pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, were introduced to Conference.

An invitation from the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California was extended to the Conference to attend the exercises of laying the corner-stone of the new building in West Los Angeles. The Conference accepted the invitation, and agreed to attend the exercises in a body.

Rev. John B. Hill, Agent of the Book Depository at San Francisco, addressed the Conference in the interest of the Depository and California Christian Advocate.

Announcements were made, Doxology sung, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Simpson.

THIRD DAY—September 4.

Religious exercises conducted by J. D. Crum. Conference opened at 9:30 A. M., Bishop Wiley in the Chair.

Roll called by the Secretary.

Minutes read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance, having had the subject under careful consideration, would respectfully report that we are every year becoming more profoundly impressed with the great evil of intemperance, when viewed from any standpoint, and especially from the following:

First—We regard it as the most formidable barrier in the way of the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Second—We regard it as the most dangerous enemy to the virtue, morality and happiness of the youth of our country.

Third—We look upon it as the cause of three-fifths of all the crime in our land, from the petit larceny of the juvenile "shop-lifter" to the highwayman, the midnight assassin, the cold-blooded murderer, who pays the forfeit of his life upon the gallows.

Fourth—We believe it to be the most dangerous enemy of the purity and stability of our civil and religious institutions.

Fifth—When we reflect upon the misery, and ruin, and death that is constantly belching forth from this bitter fountain, and how deeply our Government is implicated in it by its countenance, its patronage, and its legal protection and support, we may well tremble for our country when we remember that God is just.

In consideration of the foregoing, your committee recommend for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, First. That we utter our solemn protest against the license system by which the sale of intoxicating liquors of every or any kind is made lawful;

Second. That we are in favor of the total legal prohibition of the importation, manufacture, and sale of all alcoholic liquors to be used as a beverage;

Third. That in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper we will use only pure, unfermented juice of the grape, whenever we can possibly obtain it;

Fourth. That we recognize it a Christian duty to oppose the traffic at all times, and to aid all honorable efforts and institutions having for their object the suppression of the traffic in alcoholic liquors;

Fifth. That for success and final victory over this modern "sum of all villainies" we must rely upon the Gospel of the Son of God, accompanied by the awakening, regenerating, and sanctifying power of the Holy Ghost. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall put him to flight.—Isa. 59, 19.

Resolved, That we heartily concur in the action of the late general Conference in regard to the use of tobacco.

I. M. LEIHY,
JOHN A. McMILLAN.

The recommendation of Rev. Iry H. Cox, of Arizona, for admission into the travelling connection was presented by Rev. G. H. Adams, Superintendent of our Mission in Arizona.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of A. M. Hough, M. M. Bovard, and S. B. Guiberson was appointed to inquire into the case and report on Monday.

Bro. Antonio Diaz, Spanish Missionary in Los Angeles, was introduced to the Conference.

The Doxology was sung; the Conference adjourned; benediction by A. M. Hough.

FOURTH DAY—September 6.

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M., Bishop Wiley presiding. Minutes of Saturday's Session read and approved.

The Committee in the case of A. H. Tevis recommended that his character be passed, and that he be granted a supernumerary relation, which was adopted.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee rejoices to report an advance in the interest of the cause of the Freedmen's Aid Society. The receipts this year are in advance of the same last year.

The meagreness of these amounts, compared with the demands of this cause, should awaken a deeper interest in the Conference, and more earnest and efficient action in this direction.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. TARR,
B. A. WASHBURN.

Report of Stewards was received and adopted, as follows:

Money received from Conference collections, \$63; from Chartered Fund, \$30, making in all \$93.

The same was disbursed as follows:

To A. Higbie, \$44; paid to Bro. Cool.

To Mrs. John R. Tansey, \$22; paid to self.

To Thomas Cookson, \$27; paid to Bro. C. G. Belknap.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted:

The Word of God is the basis of our faith, and the foundation of all our efforts for the salvation of souls and the regeneration of society.

Therefore, we are in hearty sympathy with the American Bible Society in its designs and plans for putting the Bible, without note or comment, into the hands of the millions; and we renew our pledges of co-operation and support in this grand work.

C. W. TARR,
P. Y. COOL.

The report of the Committee on the death of Sister Belknap was read, and, after appropriate remarks by Charles Shelling and F. D. Bovard, was adopted and ordered published in the minutes.

In addition to the Memoir, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Southern California Conference, extend our heart-felt sympathy to Rev. C. G. Belknap, and will ever pray the blessing of our sympathizing Savior to abide with him and the bereaved children.

MEMOIR.

Sister Ann Alletha Belknap, the wife of Rev. C. G. Belknap, daughter of Rev. John W. York, of the Oregon Conference, was born near White Hall, Illinois, Jan. 3, 1833, moved to Oregon 1852, and was married to her now bereaved husband 1853. Died in Santa Barbara, California, May 4, 1880, aged 47 years, 4 months and 1 day.

For fifteen years she shared the labors and responsibilities of the Itinerancy in the Oregon Conference. In 1869, on account of her health, Bro. Belknap was transferred to the California Conference. In 1875, when the Conference was divided, their lot fell in the Southern California Conference. The last ten and one-half years of her life were spent in this State. In 1875 Bro. Belknap received the appointment to the Indian Reservation. With declining health she accompanied her husband to this, her last field of labor. For a while she seemed to improve; hopes were indulged that she might recover; but in the fall of 1878 a change of climate seemed imperative, and in the following June she and the children were moved to Santa Barbara; but despite every effort and the most watchful care she gradually declined until May the 4th, when she was peacefully released. Jesus said, "It is enough; come up higher."

Wherever, in the Providence of God, her lot has fallen, she has been universally esteemed as a devoted Christian worker. Those who knew her best loved her most, and most appreciated her qualities of heart and mind. She was quiet and unassuming; but her Christian influence shone with a clear and strong light upon all with whom she mingled.

For the last year she has been a great sufferer; but amidst it all not a word of complaint escaped her lips. Her unwavering faith enabled her to give up all without a murmur. In the death of Sister Belknap the Church has lost a noble Christian example, the husband a faithful, devoted wife, the children a loving, tender mother; but Heaven has gained a bright inhabitant. Sister Belknap's gain is inconceivably great from a life of suffering and world of sorrow, to a life of glory, a land of unspeakable joy and peace. Calmly and peacefully did she leave this shore; happy and gloriously redeemed does she walk upon the other.

The name of Thomas Cookson was called; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued in a superannuated relation.

The following certificate was presented by Bishop Wiley:

"This certifies that John A. McMillan was by me ordained a Deacon in Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Done at Los Angeles, September 5, 1880.

"I. W. WILEY."

The report of the Committee on S. S. Union was adopted, as follows:

The receipts for the year are \$50.40, an advance of \$44.20 on the amount received last year. We would earnestly entreat every member of the Conference to take a collection for this cause according to the disciplinary requirements. We would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That each district hold within its bounds, during the year, a Sunday School Convention, the time and place to be fixed by the Presiding Elders.

B. A. WASHBURN,
J. M. CAMPBELL.

The following report from the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted:

As the sanctity of the Sabbath is so little regarded generally, and as so many make it a day of pleasure seeking, spending it wholly in wordly amusements and sinful indulgences, therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we pledge ourselves anew to the strictest Scriptural observance of this Holy Day;

2d. That we will preach directly upon this subject;

3d. That we will do all we can to bring our families, our Sabbath School children, and congregations, up to a proper observance of this Holy Day.

J. B. CALLAWAY,
F. S. WOODCOCK.

The Pastoral Address was read, and ordered published in the Minutes and California Christian Advocate:

To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the Southern California Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—We send to you our greeting. As the years pass and we know more of you, we have more and more confidence in, and admiration for, your devotion to the cause of Christ as represented by Methodism. The past year has been one of peculiar financial embarrassment; but you have not faltered in your support of the temporal interest of the Church. We have known of your self-sacrificing spirit in contributing to the support of your pastors and benevolent collections.

In this we see your unchangable purpose to care for those whom God sends to care for you.

Our Conference reports show a larger liberality in these matters than in former years.

Churches have been built and improved, and debts have been diminished, parsonages built, improved, and furnished.

The greatest material success of the year, however, is the erection of first building of the University of Southern California, at a cost of six thousand dollars. This building will be ready for occupancy by Oct. 1, 1880.

The Board of Directors announce to the public that the organization of the University in all its various departments has been fully consummated. The University has been most fortunate in its beginning in securing the services of two of the most thorough and accomplished scholars,—Rev. M. M. Bovard and his brother, Rev. F. D. Bovard. With these two able instructors, chosen from this Conference, thoroughly imbued with the love and enthusiasm of this work, to head the list of instructors, the University gives good promise of becoming one of the most desirable educational institutions on this Coast.

We most heartily recommend it to your fullest confidence, patronage, and financial support.

This has been a year, in some respects, of unparalleled spiritual prosperity. The number of conversions has been comparatively large. In most of the charges, possibly in all, there has been a greater or less number converted, and then there has been a revival in the church.

Really, this has been as wonderful as the conversions without the church. Beyond all question, the endowment of power that has fallen upon the membership and the ministry, has exceeded that of any year in the history of the Conference. We may confidently look for fruits the coming year in excess of any that we now rejoice over, and thank God for it.

This gracious revival which has been sweeping over the land, converting sinners and purifying believers reassures our faith in the cardinal doctrines of the Bible as held by the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Gospel is God's power yet, to save them that believe. We have great

reason to thank God and take courage. The victories of the past are but prophecies of the future triumphs of the truth. Your watchword, and that of your pastors is: "The whole people for Christ." In the first Pastoral Address delivered to the membership of the church, we find a passage so like a prophecy of which the past few months is so nearly a fulfillment that we cannot refrain from reproducing it: "If faithful to the trusts which come with these new Conference relations, it may be that the Head of the Church will lead us to times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, which shall open on a future of power and of success that shall transcend the boldest stretch of our present faith and expectation."

It this is prophecy, and the fulfillment is not yet complete, the fulfillment is coming. And still, though our faith has grown by what we have felt and seen of the work of God among us, it may again be written if we will be faithful to the trusts God commits to you as members, and us as pastors, the Great Head of the Church will lead us to times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord that shall transcend the boldest stretch of our faith and expectation.

Notwithstanding how wonderful and blessed the work has been, God is not straightened. There is more to follow. What has been done is a manifestation, but not the limit of his power to save.

"And now we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them, esteem them very highly in love, for their work's sake."

You have been anxious as to who shall be your pastor for the ensuing year. You believe God hears and answers prayer. You have asked God to send the pastor to you whom He knows is best fitted to honor Him most, and do the most good. You can not, but God does know who he is. When he comes, whether he be a returned or a new pastor, accept him as sent of God in answer to your prayer of faith. And if you will esteem him very highly in love, for his work's sake, and give him your hearty and unanimous co-operation, any man called of God to preach the Gospel will meet with fair measure of success in any charge. If Paul felt the necessity of saying, "Brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified," much more may we urge you to pray for us, your pastors.

"Tis not a cause of small import
The pastor's care demands;
But what might fill an Angel's heart,
And filled a Savior's hands."

Permit us to earnestly commend to your generous support in the future, as in the past, even more so, as God may prosper you, the benevolences of the Church. Prominent among these, we would mention the Missionary, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Bible, and Sunday School cause. Your giving to these will unite you in sympathy with the great connectional causes of the Churches. It will enlarge your view of church w^o k. It will widen your sympathies, and help to lift you out of narrow, local selfishness, and ally your heart more warmly with the great mission Christ came to fulfill—the salvation of the world.

Finally, brethren, be perfect; be of one mind; live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen.

P. Y. COOL,
JOHN McKELVEY.

Los Angeles, Sept. 5, 1880.

The report on Missionary Cause was read and adopted as follows:

Your committee, having carefully examined the subject of missions and missionary work, report that this whole Conference is, in its membership, both clerical and lay, in perfect accord with all the enterprises of the Missionary Society, both foreign and domestic, and have redeemed our pledge

of one year since by a large increase in the contributions. We note the following facts:

First—Almost all our charges are in great need of missionary aid.

Second—There has been placed within the bounds of our Conference a territory half as large as the original Conference, and with as great possibilities as the original territory.

Third—In the formation of churches in a new country, the people are pressed with the expenses of building churches and parsonages, without which we cannot succeed.

Fourth—Many of our preachers have been forced to expend from \$50 to \$250 more than they have received from their charges for a living. Such a necessity invites ruin to the charges and to the preachers, or to both.

Fifth—Much of the new territory must remain uncultivated, restrictions placed upon the old, unless a larger appropriation of missionary money be made to the Conference.

Sixth—We know that personal appeal is of great avail before the Missionary Committee; that a living representation from our own Bishop will be far more potent than resolutions. In view of these facts, we therefore resolve:

1st. That we will make still more strenuous effort to increase our collections during the coming Conference year.

2d. That we invite our beloved Bishop Wiley and C. V. Anthony, to intercede in our behalf most earnestly.

3d. That we ask an appropriation of not less than \$5,000.

J. A. VAN ANDA,
A. M. HOUGH.

Report of the committee on collecting the funds for publishing the minutes was received.

On motion, the Committee on Publishing the Minutes was authorized to secure advertisements sufficient to meet the additional expenses of publishing the minutes.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to mail copies of the minutes to subscribers, according to the several amounts subscribed. The amount subscribed by the Los Angeles District is \$26, Santa Barbara District, \$11, making in all, \$37.

On motion, M. M. Bovard reported the rise, progress and condition of the Spanish Mission in Los Angeles, and of the labors of Bro. Antonio Diaz and wife in that field.

Bro. Diaz addressed the Conference in the Spanish language, and Bro. W. F. Wenk interpreted the remarks to the Conference.

On motion, Brothers C. Shelling, A. M. Hough, and M. M. Bovard were appointed a committee to report the condition and necessities of the Spanish work within the bounds of the Conference.

Conference adjourned; the Doxology sung; benediction by John B. Hill.

FIFTH DAY—September 7.

Conference opened at 9:30 A. M., Bishop I. W. Wiley in the chair.

Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Report of the Visiting Committee of the Los Angeles Academy was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee attended the annual examination in the above Institution in May. Of the examination we can give a most satisfactory report. Classes were prompt in their attendance, and their answers to test questions propounded by teachers and visitors showed that their instruction had been most thorough.

The government of the school, the instruction, the social and moral standing of the Institution, had all been maintained very creditably.

Owing to the fact that the affairs of the school were in a transition state, being merged into the University of Southern California, the financial interest hardly came under our examination, and all its future interests will be attended to by those appointed for that purpose.

We feel that our duty is discharged when, in calling attention to the closing of the school, we do these two things. We gladly testify to the efficiency of Prof. and Mrs. O. S. Frambes as instructors. We testify to their high moral character, their zeal as instructors and Christian laborers, their very intelligent and affectionate interest they took in the pupils under their charge, and their devotion to the higher educational interest. In this connection we express our sense of obligation to them for their labors among us.

We regard Los Angeles Academy as having accomplished its object, and hail with delight the transfer of the pupils, patronage, and good will to the University, and pray the highest good to attend it.

JOHN B. GREEN,
M. M. BOVARD.

Report of the Statistical Secretary was read. (See statistics)

Question 2d was taken up, and James B. Gregory was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Fort Street Methodist Episcopal Church. The Presiding Elder, Chas. Shelling, represented him, and he was admitted on Trial.

The committee on the case of Ivy H. Cox reported, and recommended that he be received on probation, and he was admitted.

The committee further reported, that he, having withdrawn from an Annual Conference, can only make his parchments available by coming into the Conference in the usual way, by serving the necessary probation, and passing the usual examinations. The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Committee on Education was adopted as follows:

With traditional promptness and devotion to the cause of education, the Southern California Conference, at its first session, elected a Board of Trustees, consisting of C. H. Bradley, G. W. Morgan, G. W. B. McDonald, G. D. Compton, A. G. Cook, and E. F. Spence, Laymen, and A. M. Hough, A. Higbie, J. L. Mann, P. Y. Cool, W. A. Knighten, and G. S. Hickey, Ministers, with authority to incorporate and establish a school of high grade, to be under the patronage and direction of the Conference. This resulted in the founding of the Los Angeles Academy in the City of Los Angeles. Prof. O. S. Frambes was elected Principal, and Mrs. Frambes Preceptress, and they continued to hold the same relations to the school for four con-

secutive years. During those years the Los Angeles Academy became widely known throughout Southern California, and took a high rank among schools of that kind. At the same time a committee was in existence, and constantly on the alert, to secure lands in or about Los Angeles City which should be the basis of an endowment fund for a College or University. The committee considered various propositions, and at one time supposed they had fixed on a location on the hills, on the north-west part of the city, but the party with whom they had bargained for the land changed his proposition after the papers had been prepared, and refused to accept the terms agreed upon. This was so discouraging that the committee suspended operations for the time. Some months after this, Judge R. M. Widney, with others, started an enterprise looking to the same end, which has been a grand success, and which has brought us to our present status in our school interests.

In June, 1880, the Trustees of the Los Angeles Academy, namely: A. M. Hough, M. M. Bovard, C. Shelling, J. A. Van Anda, E. F. Spence, C. H. Bradley, M. Lindley, G. W. Morgan, G. D. Compton, A. G. Cook, J. G. Capron, held their annual meeting, and, in view of the probable early completion of the University building and opening of the school, resolved to close the Academy and transfer the assets, patronage, good-will, and denominational enthusiasm to the University of Southern California.

The Los Angeles Academy has made a record of which, as a denomination, we may be proud, and we shall ever owe a debt of gratitude to Prof. and Mrs. Frambes for their self-sacrificing, earnest, and able conduct of that school. The Academy has been the morning star in our literary firmament, and many have rejoiced in its light, but now it must go out, eclipsed by the University. But we feel no envy, we shall rejoice most sincerely in its rising and spreading glory.

In pursuance of the provisions of the "Deed of Trust," the Trustees of the Endowment Fund have duly incorporated according to the laws of the State. A Board of Directors, consisting of the following eleven persons, viz: R. M. Widney, Chas. Shelling, E. F. Spence, P. Y. Cool, S. C. Hubbell, E. S. Chase, P. M. Green, J. A. Van Anda, F. S. Woodcock, John G. Downey and A. M. Hough. This Board met Friday, Sept. 4th, and organized by the election of officers and the adoption of a code of By-Laws, and thus became, in fact, the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California. This Board will be elected henceforth annually by the Southern California Conference, at its annual session.

The Board has elected Bro. M. M. Bovard, A. M., President of the University, and Rev. F. D. Bovard, A. M., Prof. of Mathematics and Ancient Languages. The first term of the University will open October 4th, 1880. Therefore,

Resolved, That we expressly owe devout thanksgiving to Almighty God for His blessings and guidance on this great undertaking of founding a Christian University in Southern California, and that we will ever pray for His continued favors upon it.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due to the Trustees of the "Trust Fund," for their judicious and prompt management of the property entrusted to them.

3. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the resolutions passed at the last session of this Conference, and in compliance with the conditions of the "Deed of Trust of the Trust Fund," we hereby accept the trust, and will assume the "control and management" of the University of Southern California, as set forth in the articles of incorporation of that institution.

4. *Resolved*, That we respectfully request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. M. M. Bovard, A. M., to the Presidency, and Rev. F. D. Bovard, A. M., to the Chair of Mathematics and Ancient Languages, in the University of Southern California.

5. Resolved, That we recommend the election of the following persons as a Visiting Committee to the University of Southern California, viz: J. B. Green, W. Nixon, W. A. Knighten, J. H. Peters, R. W. C. Farnsworth.

A. M. HOUGH, Chairman.

F. D. BOVARD, Secretary.

Resolutions complimentary to the Bishops were read and adopted by a rising vote, as follows:

WHEREAS, We have been favored during the present session of Conference with the presence officially of our highly esteemed Superintendent, Bishop I. W. Wiley, and the visitation of our venerable and loved Bishop Simpson,

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Head of the Church for the presence and ministry of these distinguished and honored Servants of God;

Resolved, That we recognize the services of our Bishops among us as under God, an era in Methodism in Southern California that will result in good to the Church, and redound to the glory of God through coming time;

Resolved, That our prayers will follow these Superintendents, that they may be long spared to serve and bless the Church.

C. SHELLING,
P. Y. COOL.

The Committee on Publishing Interests reported as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Publishing Interests, would respectfully submit the following report:

For more than two decades the California Christian Advocate, published at San Francisco, has been circulating within the bounds of the Pacific Conferences.

To say that it has been a great blessing to the Church, and a potent auxiliary to the interest of Methodism on this Coast, conveys but a faint idea of its value.

While, by the facilities of travel and intercommunication, we are brought into close proximity to our Church interests east of the mountains, and on the Atlantic Sea-board; and while Eastern publications can be obtained more cheaply than those published on this Coast, it is nevertheless true that an organ of our own is absolutely essential to the interests of Christianity and our own wellbeing as a branch of the Church of God on the Pacific Slope.

There are always local questions and peculiarities more or less vital to a Conference, which are only considered by a paper published within its bounds, or contiguous thereto. Besides, it binds us closer together as Conferences, and adds greatly to our strength and courage as Christian ministers, laboring in a common cause.

By this means the membership is also brought into more direct sympathy with all the benevolent enterprises of the Church, and a healthful spirit of emulation is induced, which greatly assists the pastor in his efforts to build up the material interests of our Zion.

The Book Depository at San Francisco, under the management of its energetic agent, Rev. John B. Hill, of the California Conference, also deserves our consideration and patronage. Books, embracing a wide range, both of Sabbath School and general literature, can be obtained on terms quite as favorable as from the leading publishing houses of the East.

Believing these interests to be of great value to our Church work within the bounds of the Southern California Conference, and knowing, by the action of the late General Conference held at Cincinnati, that one thousand dollars per annum will only be given by the book concern at New York for the next quadrennial towards the support of the California Christian Advocate; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves as members of this Conference to increased activity in securing subscriptions, and recommend that hereafter agents receive 25c. for each subscription instead of 40c. as heretofore.

C. G. BELKNAP,
A. M. HOUGH.

The Committee on Tracts reported as follows:

Resolved, That as Ministers of the Gospel we will preach the word of God by endeavoring to place appropriate tracts in the hands of those under our watchful care, and that we will use our influence in connection with our Tract Committees to secure funds for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. CRUM,
H. HOLDRIDGE.

The report of Committee on the State of the Church was adopted as follows:

For information as to the general state of work we refer to the reports of the Presiding Elders; also to the Pastoral Address, which has been presented; in addition to these, we present for your consideration the following: We reassert our firm belief in the design of God in raising up the people called Methodists, as expressed by our venerable founder, to be to spread scriptural holiness o'er these lands.

That in accomplishing this great and glorious purpose He acts as a sovereign, working in His own ways, choosing His own instrumentalities and agents, that whenever we see His foot-steps, although they may be in the sea, should humbly and gratefully recognize Him as riding on the storm, and should fervently unite in the prayer: Send by whom thou wilt, O Lord, but send salvation; therefore,

Resolved, First—That, with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, we hail the dawn of a brighter day, and of a more gracious out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in this part of our Lord's vineyard.

Second—That we rejoice in the glorious work begun, attended, as we believe, by the power of the Holy Ghost.

Third—That we may garner up a rich and abundant harvest from this visitation; we earnestly and affectionately expect all our people to abide by our standards upon the doctrine of Christian Holiness, and to heed the instruction of the prophet as follows: Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. Jer. vi, 16.

I. M. LEIHY,
J. A. VAN ANDA.

The report of Auditing Committee was adopted:

Your Committee have carefully examined the accounts committed to them, and found them to be correct and satisfactory in every particular.

A. BLAND,
W. NIXON.

Committee appointed on Spanish Mission, having examined the condition and necessities of the work, find:

1. That Bro. Antonio Diaz and his wife have been laboring among this people by reading and expounding the Word from house to house since first of January, 1880;

2. That great success has attended their labors, there being about eighty persons converted, who have been united with the Methodist Episcopal Church on probation;

3. That this work has been under the direction of the Pastor and Committee on Missions of the Fort St. Methodist Episcopal Church;

4. That on April 20, 1880, it was formally connected with the Florence Mission, and thereby was enabled to secure a donation from the Missionary Board of five hundred dollars;

5. That a small chapel on Rose street has been secured for the use of the Mission at a rent of eight dollars per month, and that Bro. Antonio Diaz has been paid for his services one hundred and sixty dollars; and that a committee has been appointed to secure a lot for the permanent location of a Mission Church;

6. That the work is spreading very rapidly.

In the second place we find the necessities of the work to be:

1. Some one to organize thoroughly, and superintend the work;

2. Some one to assist in building up Sunday Schools, and instruct the children in singing;

3. They are in great need of a suitable church building;

4. That this work ought to be carried into all the charges in the Conference where the "Spanish people live."

5. That the great necessity of this work is money.

Therefore, in view of these conditions and necessities,

Resolved, 1st. That we will earnestly pray for the success of this work;

2d. That we will do all in our power to assist it, and will welcome those who may be engaged in this work into our respective charges;

3d. That we hereby request Bishop I. W. Wiley and Rev. C. V. Anthony, our representatives to the general Missionary Board, to secure for this work, at the very least, three thousand dollars;

4th. That we hereby ask that a Superintendent be appointed to this work, and also such other laborers as shall efficiently carry forward this work.

CHARLES SHELLING,
A. M. HOUGH,
M. M. BOVARD.

The report of Committee on Missions was adopted, as follows:

Los Angeles District—

District	\$225 00
Pasadena	150 00
Flerence	150 00
Santa Monica.....	125 00
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	200 00
Pomona.....	175 00
San Bernardino.....	125 00
San Diego Circuit.....	100 00

\$1,250 00

Santa Barbara District—

District	\$275 00
San Buenaventura.....	150 00
Ventura Circuit.....	150 00
Goleta	125 00
San Luis Obispo	125 00
Santa Maria.....	125 00
Lompoc.....	125 00
Pasa Robles.....	125 00

\$1,200 00

Visalia District—

District	\$400 00
Bakersfield	100 00
Visalia.....	150 00
Plano and Porterville	100 00
Merced.....	100 00
Hanford	100 00
Grangeville	100 00
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	\$1,050 00

German Mission Special.....

 \$3,500 00

CHARLES SHELLING, Secretary.

Approved—I. W. WILEY.

Bishop Wiley presented the certificates of transfer of R. W. C. Farnsworth, an effective Elder of the Providence Annual Conference, and C. H. Lawton, an effective Elder of the Cincinnati Conference, which were read by the Secretary and placed on file.

The following Triers of Appeal were elected. (See list.)

The Committees on Examination were appointed. (See list.)

The Board of Church Extension was nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Conference. (See list.)

The following resolution of thanks was offered and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we hereby extend our most hearty thanks to the kind people of this place for the generous hospitality with which the members of the Conference have been entertained by them during our session. We would emphasize this action by calling attention to the fact that this is the second consecutive session held here, and that a most hearty invitation was extended to the Conference to convene here next year. The christian cordiality and hospitality of Los Angeles charge and its friends, are highly appreciated by us.

JOHN B. GREEN,
JNO. MCKELVEY.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were instructed to apportion the benevolent collections to the different charges.

The Secretary was instructed to secure the credentials of I. H. Cox and retain them in trust for the Conference.

On motion, it was ordered that after reading the appointments that the Conference stand adjourned.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

The Bishop announced the 816th hymn, which was sung, and Bro. I. M. Leihy led the Conference in prayer.

The appointments were read as follows:

APPOINTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—C. SHELLING, P. E.	
Los Angeles	E. S. CHASE.
Pasadena	R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.
Florence	A. M. HOUGH.
Santa Monica	To be supplied.
Compton	J. B. GREEN.
Riverside	C. H. LAWTON.
Orange and Garden Grove	WM. NIXON.
San Diego	P. Y. COOL.
San Diego Circuit	To be supplied.
Westminster and Artesia	B. A. WASHBURN.
Santa Ana and Tustin	C. W. TARR.
Pomona and Azusa	J. D. CRUM.
San Bernardino	J. M. CAMPBELL.
San Fernando	To be supplied.
German Mission	G. H. BOLLINGER.
Spanish Mission	To be supplied.
M. M. BOVARD, President, F. D. BOVARD, Professor in the University of Southern California: members of Los Angeles Quarterly Conference.	
O. S. FRAMBES, Principal of Phoenix High School: member of San Diego Quarterly Conference.	

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—W. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.

Santa Barbara	J. A. VAN ANDA.
San Buenaventura	J. H. PETERS.
Ventura Circuit	J. MCKELVEY.
San Luis Obispo	To be supplied.
Goleta	F. S. WOODCOCK.
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande	I. M. LEIHY.
Lompoc	J. A. McMILLAN.
Pasa Robles	H. HOLDRIDGE.
Canejo	To be supplied.

VISALIA DISTRICT—A. BLAND, P. E.

Visalia	S. W. GUIBERSON.
Plano and Porterville	To be supplied.
Bakersfield	To be supplied.
Hanford	J. R. GREGORY.
Grangeville and La Moore	J. B. CALLOWAY.
Merced	J. W. LEECH.
Fresno	To be supplied.
Mariposa	To be supplied.
Jolon and San Benito	To be supplied.
Tule River Reservation	C. G. BELKNAP.

IVY H. COX, Missionary to Arizona.

The Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wiley.

I. W. WILEY, President.

M. M. BOVARD, Secretary.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1—Have any entered the Conference by transfer or re-admission?

Answer—By transfer, R. W. C. Farnsworth, from the Providence Conference. C. H. Lawton, Cincinnati Conference.

Q. 2—Who are admitted on trial?

A—James B. Gregory, Ivy H. Cox.

Q. 3—Who remain on trial?

A—None.

Q. 4—Who are admitted into full connection?

A—John A. McMillan.

Q. 5—Who are Deacons of the first class?

A—John A. McMillan.

Q. 6—Who are Deacons of the second class?

A—O. S. Frambes.

Q. 7—Who have been elected and ordained elders?

A—None.

Q. 8—Who are supernumerary preachers?

A—A. H. Tevis.

Q. 9—Who are superannuated or worn out preachers?

A—A. Higbie, Thos. Cookson, J. H. Book.

Q. 10—Was the character of each preacher examined?

A—Yes—in open Conference.

Q. 11—Have any located this year?

A—None.

Q. 12—Have any withdrawn?

A—None.

Q. 13—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

A—None.

Q. 14—Have any been expelled?

A—None.

Q. 15—Have any died?

A—Mrs. A. A. Belknap.

Q. 16—What is the Statistical Report?

A—(See Statistical Tables.)

Q. 17—What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?

A—(See Steward's Report)

Q. 18—What has been received on the foregoing and how has it been applied?

A—(See Steward's Report.)

Q. 19—Have any local preachers been ordained?

A—None.

Q. 20—Are there any Educational institutions under the patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?

A—University of Southern California. (See Educational Report.)

Q. 21—Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?

A—A. M. Hough, President; P. Y. Cool, Vice-President; Charles Shelling, Corresponding Secretary; G. W. Morgan, Recording Secretary; A. Bland, Treasurer. Additional members, R. M. Widney, W. E. Foster, C. H. Bradley, M. M. Bovard.

Q. 22—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

A—(See list of Appointments.)

Q. 23—Where shall the next Conference be held?

A—Santa Barbara. (Time not given.)

POST OFFICE LIST.

CHARGE.	OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Los Angeles	Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles	California
Pasadena	Pasadena.....	Los Angeles	California
Pomona.....	Pomona.....	Los Angeles	California
Santa Monica	Santa Monica.....	Los Angeles	California
Florence	Florence.....	Los Angeles	California
Compton	Compton	Los Angeles	California
Westminster	Westminster.....	Los Angeles	California
Artesia.....	Norwalk Station.....	Los Angeles	California
Santa Ana	Santa Ana.....	Los Angeles	California
San Fernando	San Fernando	Los Angeles	California
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	San Bernardino	California
Riverside	Riverside.....	San Bernardino	California
San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	California
Poway	Poway	San Diego	California
Orange	Orange	Los Angeles	California
Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	California
San Buenaventura	San Buenaventura	Ventura.....	California
Ventura Circuit	Santa Paula	Ventura.....	California
Visalia	Visalia	Tulare	California
Plano and Porterville	Plano	Tulare	California
Grangeville	Grangeville	Tulare	California
Bakersfield	Bakersfield	Kern	California
Kernville	Kernville	Kern	California
Lompoc	Lompoc	Santa Barbara	California
Goleta	Goleta	Santa Barbara	California
Santa Maria	Santa Maria	Santa Barbara	California
San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	San Luis Obispo	California
Pasa Robles	Pasa Robles.....	San Luis Obispo	California



No. 1.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1880.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBER- SHIP.	BAP- TISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.	S. SCHO'L'S.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.																
					Pastors Presiding Elder, and Bishops.....						American Bible Society...																						
					Other Collections.....						Freedmen's Aid Society...																						
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—																	Current Expenses—(Sexton, etc.).....																
Los Angeles.....	36	303	6	6	13	1	\$18,000					\$60 0	\$1 00	\$11 00			\$600 0																
Pasadena.....	47	52	1	1	14	1	3,000					1 00					250 0																
Florence.....	1	62					3,000					4 00					407 00																
Santa Monica.....		10					1,000					6 75					475 00																
Compton.....	19	119	1	2	1	3	1	3,500	1	\$700	75	19	50	20 00	64 90	\$3 25																	
Riverside.....	4	50					1,200					1 50					885 00																
Orange & Garden Grove	6	72	2	1	1	1	3,000	1	100		530	2 18	125	5 00			500 00																
San Diego (last year).....	4	39					5,000	1	1,500		250	1 11	85				644 25																
Westminster.....	12	37	1	1	5	1	1,800					1 00					667 65																
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	4	40	2	1	1	1	400					20 00					750 00																
Pomona.....	5	24	1	1	1	1	400					1 00					241 15																
Anaheim and Artesia.....	11	38	1	5	1	1	500	1	500			2 00					342 55																
San Bernardino.....	1	39										1 75					161 31																
Poway (no report).....												5 25					636 00																
German Mission.....	8	42	4	1	4	1	4,00					1 00					163 00																
Total.....	121	923	15	10	32	33	14	\$43,400	4	\$3,100	\$4 657	\$1,310	16	161	1,077	\$223 50	\$52 15	\$275 65	\$3 25	\$56 90	\$7 85	\$36 15	\$8 85	\$6 00	\$8 85	\$15 50	\$7,992 41	\$27 50	\$988 00				
SANTA BARBARA DIST.—																																	
Santa Barbara.....	3	112	3	3	1	8	1	\$6,080	1	\$1,000	\$275	\$150	2	25	165	\$28 00	\$2 00	\$3 00		\$1 00	\$1 00												
Visalia.....		65	1	1				3,000	1	1,500		13	1	50	2 50																		
San Buenaventura.....	3	58	4	2	1	1	2,000							90	9 60																		
Ventura Circuit.....	46	1	1	1	1	1	2,500	1						1 50	1 50																		
San Luis Obispo.....	38	1	1	1	3	1	2,500	1						50	30	7 00	\$2 00																
Hanford and Lemore.....	17	137	2	1	1	1	2,000	1	1,000		600	15	1	6	40	2 00																	
Bakersfield.....	20	11	2	1	1	1	2,000	1	1,000		600	10	1	7	30	11 00																	
Plano and Porterville.....	12	35	1	1	7	1	1,000	1	1,500		1,000	1	1	6	60	7 50	2 50	10 00		1 00	2 10	1 00	1 40	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	319 55	2 50	602 75			
Goleta.....	43	1			7	1	1,000																										
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande.....	9	36	1	1	1	1	1,000	1	250	7	1	10	50	50 00				50 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	3 50	2 80	447 30	35 00				
Lompoc.....	5	62	2	1	1	1	2,100	1	100	2,100		1	10	100	5 50				5 00										660 00	3 00			
Paso Robles.....	12	55	3		1	1	2,700								45	12 00																	
Kernville (no report).....																																	
Total.....	80	707	10	11	25	12	11	\$22,350	10	\$6,900	\$2,397	\$360	13	111	715	\$139 10	\$4 50	\$143 60	\$15 50	\$15 05	\$5 00	\$14 20	\$12 15	\$7 95	\$4 20	\$15 45	\$5,757 85	\$88 35	\$342 00				

Recapitulation, by Districts.

LOS ANGELES.....	121	923	15	10	32	33	14	\$43,409	4	\$3,00	\$4,651	\$1,340	16	161	1,077	\$223	50	\$52	15	\$275	66	\$3	25	\$56	90	\$7	35	\$33	15	\$9	95	\$3	00	\$6	35	\$15	50	\$7,992	41	\$7	50	\$988
SANTA BARBARA.....	80	707	10	11	25	12	11	23,350	10	6,900	2,397	360	13	111	745	139	10	4	50	143	60	15	50	15	05	5	00	14	20	12	15	7	95	4	20	15	45	6,932	90	38	35	342
Grand Total.....	201	1,630	25	21	57	45	25	\$65,750	14	\$10,000	\$7,051	\$1,700	29	272	1,822	\$362	60	\$56	55	\$410	25	\$18	75	\$71	95	\$12	35	\$50	35	\$21	10	\$10	95	\$10	55	\$30	95	\$14,825	3'	\$55	85	\$1,330

² Missionary Anniversary Collection, \$19.23.

No. 2.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1880.

CIRCUITS
AND
STATIONS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.												MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.						PRESIDING ELDER.			BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
	No. on the Roll at the end of this Year...	No. Received into Full Connection...	No. Removed without Certificate.....	No. on the Roll at the last Conference...	No. of Known Members at the end of this Year...	No. of Deaths.....	No. Withdrawn, Expelled, or Unknown.....	No. Removed without Certificate.....	No. Removed by Certificate.....	No. Received from Probation...	No. on the Roll at the end of this Year.....	No. Received into Full Connection.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. Dropped, Withdrawn, or Unknown.....	No. Removed by Certificate.....	Pastor's Claim, including Rental Value of Parsonage, or House Rent...	Pastor's Receipts, including Rental Value of Parsonage, or House Rent...	Amount Apportioned.....	Deficiency.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Paid.....	
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.																									
Los Angeles.																									
Pasadena.																									
Florence.																									
Santa Monica.																									
Compton.																									
Riverside.																									
Orange and Garden Grove.																									
San Diego (last year).																									
Westminster.																									
Santa Ana and Tustin.																									
Pomona.																									
Anaheim and Artesia.																									
San Bernardino.																									
Poway (no report).																									
German Mission.																									
Total.....	34	2	4	8	1	35	106	100	38	91	40	11	9	921	\$8,865 00	\$7,404 11	\$1,460 89	\$915 00	\$780 05	\$37 50		\$30 50			
SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.																									
Santa Barbara.	13	1		1		10	5	13	10	10	6	4	112	+\$960 00	\$960 00										
Visalia.	29			28		1	4	6	7	12	35	1	58	+\$100 00	492 40	\$568 09									
San Buenaventura.	18		3	4		7	4	6	7	6	7	1	46	+\$110 00	824 48	89 52	100 00	87 50				1 15			
Ventura Circuit.																							1 60		
San Luis Obispo.																							50		
Hanford and Lemore.	19																						1 00		
Bakersfield.	4		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38	+\$110 00	204 90	205 10	80 0 0	44 75				1 00			
Plano and Porterville.																							1 00		
Goleta.	16	2		10		2	7	2	2	1	2	1	20	+\$100 00	375 00	375 00	200 00	60 00	32 80				3 30		
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande.																							3 30		
Lompoc.	5	1	1	4	5	3	5	5	3	6	1	1	36	+\$100 00	648 00	432 75	215 25	60 00	17 15	3 00	1 50	5 00	2 80		
Paso Robles.	14																						3 00		
Kernville (no report).	1																						50		
Total.....	120	5	8	51		35	61	53	35	77	44	28	12	707	\$8,619 75	\$6,432 00	\$2,187 75	\$1,180 00	\$884 10		\$23 90		\$32 50		

Recapitulation, by Districts.

OS ANGELES.	2	4	8	1	35	106	100	88	91	40	11	9	921	\$8,865 00	\$7,404 11	\$1,460 89	\$945 00	\$780 05	\$37 50		\$30 50	
SANTA BARBARA.	120	5	8	51	....	35	61	53	35	77	44	28	12	707	8,619 75	6,432 00	2,187 75	1,180 00	834 10	23 90		32 50
Grand Total.....	154	7	12	59	1	70	167	13	73	168	84	39	21	1,628	\$17,484 75	\$13,836 11	\$3,548 64	\$2,125 00	\$1,614 15	\$61 40		\$63 00

+ Parsonage.

* Missionary Appropriation.

No. 3.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1880.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—

Los Angeles.....	22	225	135	40	165	475	\$150 00	100	25	100	40	
Pasadena.....	19	100	40	20	70	500	50 00	75	20	17	38	
Florence.....	10	50	40	20	34	150	25	25	6	6	7	
Santa Monica.....	6	40	40	20	50	110	60 00	14	14	14	3	
Compton.....	14	137	60	30	50	110	60 00	150	10	10	10	
Riverside.....	10	59	15	9	6	25	75	200	50	15	1	
Orange and Garden Grove.....	18	15	30	65	3	90	200	50 00	50	18	6	
San Diego (last year).....	11	85	60	30	12	8	60	250	60 00	50	11	
Westminster.....	11	60	30	12	8	45	20 00	30	9	9	6	
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	12	75	30	12	8	45	60	25	16	12	5	
Pomona.....	7	30	6	14	10	26	75	9 00	10	12	3	
Anaheim and Artesia (no report).....	11	67	15	29	23	49	400	39 25	30	7	19	
San Bernardino.....	10	60	15	25	20	50	200	58 00	50	4	5	
German Mission.....											4	
Total.....	161	1,074	346	282	202	784	1,975	\$511 25	645	25	114	224

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—

Santa Barbara.....	25	165	100	25	40	150	50	\$50 00	60	60	15	100	5	6
Visalia.....	5	50	5	35	10	20	185	10 00	25	25	10	5	4	4
San Buenaventura.....	19	90	40	30	20	85	200	35 00	30	30	10	10	25	25
Ventura Circuit (no report).....														
San Luis Obispo.....	5	30	20	5	5	25	50	5 00	20	6	5	15	1	1
Hanford and Lemore.....	6	40	25	6	9	35	30		6	6	6	6	2	2
Bakersfield.....	7	30	8	12	10	20								
Plano and Porterville.....	10	85	45	25	15	60		10 00	2	4	6	6	15	15
Goleta.....	6	60	35	10	15	50	238	20 00	50	6	6	5	13	13
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande.....	10	50	20	20	10	35	73	15 00	25	3	3			
Lompoc.....	10	100	59	21	20	55								
Paso Robles.....	15	45	8	35	8	25	50		25	13	10	10	13	13
Kernville (no report).....														
Total.....	13111	645	365	224	162	500	874	\$145 00	235	115	57	155	80	20

Recapitulation, by Districts.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.....	16	161	1,074	346	282	202	784	1,975	\$511 25	645	25	114	135	224	89
SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.....	13	111	645	365	224	162	500	874	145 00	235	115	57	155	80	20
Grand Total.....	29	272	1,719	711	486	364	1,844	2,849	\$856 25	880	140	171	290	213	109

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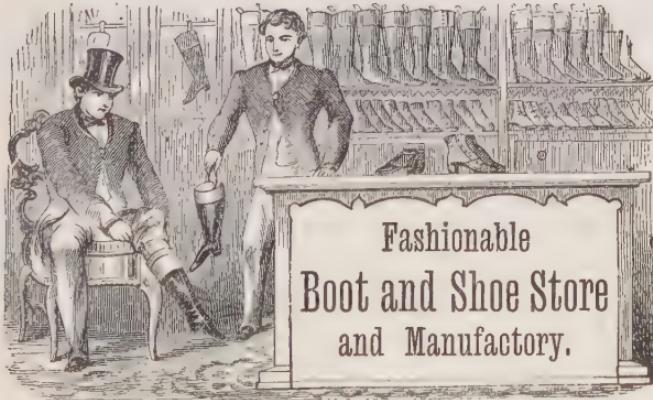
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Committees on Examination.

<i>For Admission on Trial.</i>	J. D. CRUM,	G. W. ELWOOD.
<i>First Year.</i>	J. B. CALLAWAY,	WM. NIXON.
<i>Second Year.</i>	A. N. FIELDS,	C. G. BELKNAP.
<i>Third Year.</i>	I. M. LEIHY,	H. J. SHAFFNER.
<i>Fourth Year.</i>	R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,	A. W. BUNKER.
<i>Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders.</i>		J. H. PETERS.
<i>Local Preachers for Elders' Orders.</i>		C. H. LAWTON.

To Preach the Annual Conference Sermon I. M. LEIHY,
Alternate, F. D. BOVARD.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon G. W. ELWOOD,
Alternate, A. W. BUNKER.

To Preach on Ministerial Education CHARLES SHELLING.

Conference Roll.

NAME.	ADDRESS.
ALFRED HIGBEE.....	San Francisco, Cal.
THOMAS COOKSON.....	Modesto, Cal.
ADAM BLAND.....	Grangeville, Cal.
ISAAC LEIHY.....	Paso de Robles, Cal.
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JOSEPH D. CRUM.....	Pomona, Cal.
WILLIAM H. KNIGHTEN.....	San Buena Ventura, Cal.
MARION M. BOVARD.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
JOHN L. McKELVEY.....	
FREDERICK S. WOODCOCK.....	Goleta, Cal.
C. W. TARR.....	Santa Ana, Cal.
S. B. GUIBERSON.....	Santa Paula, Cal.
J. W. LEACH.....	Mariposa, Cal.
JOHN A. McMILLAN.....	Plano, Cal.
J. B. CALLAWAY.....	Grangeville, Cal.
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HORACE HOLDRIDGE.....	Santa Maria, Cal.
CHARLES SHELLING.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
JOHN B. GREEN.....	Compton, Cal.
WILLIAM NIXON.....	Orange, Cal.
BRADFORD A. WASHBURN.....	Bakersfield, Cal.
JOHN H. BOOK	Los Angeles, Cal.
OLIVER S. FRAMBES	Phoenix, A. T.
R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.....	Pasadena, Cal.
C. H. LAWTON.....	Santa Paula, Cal.
G. H. BOLINGER.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
J. H. PETERS.....	San Buena Ventura, Cal.
A. N. FIELDS	Lompoc, Cal.
A. W. BUNKER.....	San Diego, Cal.
MARCUS F. COLBURN.....	Riverside, Cal.
G. W. ELWOOD.....	San Bernadino, Cal.
H. J. SHAFFNER.....	Hanford, Cal.
T. S. UREN	Santa Barbara, Cal.

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JAMES H. WHITE.....	Tulare City, Cal.
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JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

The Southern California Conference met in its Sixth Annual Session in Santa Barbara, California, September 1, 1881. Bishop W. L. Harris, D.D., LL.D., presiding.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9:30 A. M., read scripture lessons from 121st Psalm, and 20th Chapter of Acts; the 798th hymn was sung, and Bros. Hough and Cool led in prayer.

The Conference Roll was called by F. D. Bovard, and the following members responded to their names:

ADAM BLAND,	ISAAC M. LEIHY,
ASAHEL M. HOUGH,	J. D. CRUM,
P. Y. COOL,	C. W. TARR,
WILLIAM A. KNIGHTEN,	JOEL A. VAN ANDA,
JOHN B. GREEN,	S. B. GUIBERSON,
J. B. CALLAWAY,	E. S. CHASE,
G. H. BOLLINGER,	C. G. BELKNAP,
HORACE HOLDRIDGE,	CHARLES SHELLING,
F. S. WOODCOCK,	J. H. PETERS,
WILLIAM NIXON,	B. A. WASHBURN,
FREEMAN D. BOVARD,	JOHN A. McMILLAN,
R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,	C. H. LAWTON.

Present, 24; absent, 9.

John B. Green was elected Secretary, F. S. Woodcock, Recording Secretary, J. A. McMillan and Wm. Nixon, Statistical Secretaries.

A. M. Hough, I. M. Leihy and C. Shelling were appointed a Committee to prepare a suitable minute commemorative of the death of Bishop E. O. Haven, D.D., LL.D.

On motion the Presiding Elders were ordered to nominate Standing Committees. Also, to prepare to nominate the Standing Committees at the First Session of the next Conference.

Standing Committees were nominated by the Presiding Elders, and appointed by the Conference, as follows:

On Education.—A. M. Hough, F. D. Bovard, E. S. Chase, J. H. Peters, I. M. Leihy, J. A. Van Anda, J. B. Callaway, C. G. Belknap, S. B. Guiberson.

On S. S. Union.—B. A. Washburn, H. Holdridge.

On Church Extension.—R. W. C. Farnsworth, H. Holdridge, J. B. Callaway.

On Bible Cause.—P. Y. Cool, J. A. McMillan, J. W. Leach.

On Observance of the Sabbath.—A. M. Hough, J. A. Van Anda, S. B. Guiberson.

On Temperance.—E. S. Chase, J. H. Peters, C. G. Belknap.

On Tract Cause.—J. D. Crum, J. A. McMillan, J. W. Leach.

On Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders.—J. D. Crum, J. H. Peters, C. G. Belknap.

On Pastoral Address.—Wm. Nixon, J. A. Van Anda, J. R. Gregory.

On Missionary Cause.—A. M. Hough, J. A. Van Anda, C. G. Belknap.

On Post Office.—B. A. Washburn.

On Publishing Interests.—F. D. Bovard, H. Holdridge, S. B. Guiberson.

Conference Stewards.—C. W. Tarr, J. H. Peters, J. B. Callaway.

On Publishing Minutes.—J. B. Green, F. D. Bovard, E. S. Chase.

On Collecting Money for Publishing Minutes.—C. W. Tarr.

On Freedman's Aid Society.—C. H. Lawton.

On Episcopal Funds.—C. W. Tarr.

On Public Worship.—W. A. Knighten, J. A. Van Anda.

On Missions.—The Presiding Elders.

On motion, 9 o'clock was fixed upon as the hour to begin the morning sessions, and 12 o'clock to adjourn.

Rev. B. F. Crary D.D., Editor *C. C. Advocate*, Rev. H. J. Shaffner of Colorado Conference, Rev. A. W. Bunker of New Hampshire Conference, Rev. T. S. Uren of Nevada Conference, Rev. G. W. Elwood of Nebraska Conference, and Rev. E. A. Winning of California Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion, C. W. Lawton was appointed a committee to collect New York and San Francisco Book Accounts.

Certificates of Transfer to this Conference of Alviro W. Bunker of New Hampshire Conference, and A. W. Fields of the Colorado Conference were read, and their names enrolled as members.

The Report of the Book Committee was read, and referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.

Communication from Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, read and referred to the Presiding Elders, with instructions to distribute the assessment of \$138.00 among the charges.

On motion, it was ordered that when the names of the members are called under the Twentieth Question, they shall report amount of Missionary, Church Extension, Conference, Claimants and Bishops Collections, and if all the collections were taken.

A draft of \$30.00 was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

Question Twentieth.—“Was the character of each Preacher Examined” was taken up. Charles Shelling Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District read his report, and his character passed. Also, that of E. S. Chase, R. W. C. Farnsworth, A. M. Hough, J. B. Green, C. H. Lawton, Wm. Nixon, P. Y. Cool, B. A. Washburn, C. W. Tarr, J. D. Crum, J. M. Campbell, G. H. Bollinger, F. D. Bovard, and M. M. Bovard.

J. M. Campbell was granted a Supernumerary relation.

Wm. A. Knighten, Presiding Elder of Santa Barbara District, read report of his work, and his character passed. Also, that of J. A. Van Anda, J. H. Peters, John McKelvey, F. S. Woodcock, I. M. Leihy, and H. Holdridge.

John McKelvey was granted a supernumerary relation.

Adam Bland, Presiding Elder of Visalia District, read report of his work, and his character passed. Also, that of S. B. Guiberson, J. B. Callaway, J. W. Leach, and C. G. Belknap.

S. B. Guiberson was granted a Supernumerary relation.

On motion, the reports of the Presiding Elders were ordered prepared for publication in the minutes. (See Reports 1, 2, 3).

Question Third.—“Who remain on trial,” was taken up. Ivy H. Cox was discontinued by vote of the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, Since the organization of this Conference, it has been the practice of Examining Committees to report in the words, “a very satisfactory examination,” and

WHEREAS, It is doubtless the duty and the privilege of the Conference to decide if examination *are* satisfactory, therefore

Resolved, That Committees on Examination be required to report the actual number of credits secured by each candidate on the respective studies of his class.

Resolved, 2d, That 100 credits be the maximum, and 60 the minimum, and that the reports be made in decimals.

J. H. PETERS.

Question Nineteen.—“Who are the Superannuated Preachers” was taken up. The names of A. Higbee, Thomas Cookson and J. H. Book were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in same relation.

Communication from T. Cookson, read and referred to the Conference Stewards.

On motion, the following were elected a Board of Conference Trustees, and instructed to secure incorporation : A. M. Hough, G. H. Bollinger, John B. Green, P. Y. Cool, Charles Shelling.

On motion, it was ordered that the reports of Standing Committees be called for at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A Conference Prayer Meeting was announced for 8.30 o'clock each morning of the Session.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. B. F. Crary.

SECOND DAY.

Conference opened at 9 o'clock with religious services conducted by I. M. Leihy. Bishop Harris in the chair.

Minutes of yesterday's session read, corrected, and approved.

Communication from Corresponding Secretary of Educational Society, was referred to Committee on Education.

Communication from Corresponding Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society, referred to Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society.

Dr. B. F. Crary was introduced and represented the interests of the *California Christian Advocate*, and of the San Francisco Book Depository.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard with much pleasure the statement of Rev. B. F. Crary, D.D., Editor of the *California Christian Advocate*, concerning the prosperity of said paper, and we renew our pledge to sustain it, and to do all in our power to put it into all the families of our respective charges, laboring for it in preference to all other church papers.

J. H. PETERS.

Bishop Harris announced the transfer of A. H. Tevis to the Missouri Conference.

Question Three.—“Who remain on trial,” was taken up. James R. Gregory’s name was called, the Examining Committee reported, he was represented by his Presiding Elder, and he was continued on trial.

Question Thirteen.—“Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class,” was taken up. John A. McMillan was called, the Examining Committee reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

Question Fourteen.—“What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders,” was taken up. Oliver S. Frambes was called, his character passed, and he was continued a Deacon of the second class.

P. Y. Cool was granted a Supernumerary relation.

Bishop Harris announced the transfer to this Conference of H. J. Shaffner, a supernumerary member of Colorado Conference, and of T. S. Uren of Nevada Conference.

H. J. Shaffner was made effective.

Rev. S. S. Fisk of the Baptist Church, and Rev. H. P. Peck of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause was presented, and adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

Report of Committee on Tract Cause was presented, and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

On motion, the following Committee was appointed to nominate Triers of Appeals: I. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, A. M. Hough.

Revs. A. L. Deering and M. F. Colburn of New England Southern Conference were introduced.

Committee on Publishing Interests reported, report adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Report of Committee on Temperance presented and adopted.
(See Report No. 7.)

Communication from Corresponding Secretary Woman's Home Missionary Society, referred to Committee on Missionary Cause.

San Louis Obispo was selected as the place to hold the next Annual Session of the Conference.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented, adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Conference adjourned. Benediction by S. B. Guiberson.

THIRD DAY.

Morning session opened at 9 o'clock, with devotional exercises led by J. B. Callaway. Bishop Harris presiding.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to publish complete minutes of this Conference, and certify to their correctness. A copy of the minutes so certified to, shall be the official minutes.

G. H. Bollinger was added to the Committee on Missionary Cause.

Bishop Harris announced the transfer to this Conference of Marcus F. Colburn, a Deacon of the first class, from the New England Southern Conference, and G. W. Elwood an Elder, from the Nebraska Conference.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society presented their report, (see No. 9,) which was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday School Union presented their report, (see No. 10,) which was adopted.

The Committee on Church Extension presented their report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

The Conference Stewards presented their report, (see report,) which was adopted.

The amounts paid over to the following :

A. Higbee \$57.20, paid to Dr. B. F. Crary.

T. Cookson \$57.15, paid to A. Bland.

A collection of \$50.00 was taken up and handed to Dr. B. F. Crary, to be conveyed to Bro. A. Higbee, as a token of our love for him.

Report of Committee on Education presented, report was adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions, expressing the sentiments of this Conference in the matter of dividends by the Book Concern.

This Committee presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in the judgment of this Conference, a judicious policy in the administration of the Book Concern, would suggest the propriety of paying its debts before resuming its dividends to the Annual Conferences ; but, if dividends *are* made, we respectfully represent that the uniform rule of distribution observed since the Book Concern was founded, giving equal sums to each of the Annual Conferences, should still be followed until the General Conference shall order a different basis of distribution ; and we respectfully protest against any other method of distribution.

I. M. LEIHY,
CHAS. SHELLING.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Conference, for the following named persons as Directors of the University of Southern California : Ministers—Charles Shelling, Wm. A. Knighten, E. S. Chase, F. S. Woodcock, A. M. Hough. Laymen—R. M. Widney, J. G. Downey, E. F. Spence, C. H. Bradley, S. C. Hubbell, P. M. Green.

The Auditing Committee presented report. Adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

On motion, the Presiding Bishop was requested to appoint M. M. Bovard, President of, and F. D. Bovard, Professor in the University of Southern California, and O. S. Frambes, Principal Phoenix High School, Phoenix, Arizona.

The following was presented and adopted :

Resolved, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint a brother of this Conference to preach a sermon on Ministerial Education at the next Annual Session of the Conference.

E. S. CHASE,
W. A. KNIGHTEN.

Report of Committee on Missionary Cause presented and adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Report of Committee on Missions presented. Adopted. (See Report of Committee.)

Report of Visiting Committee read and adopted. (See Report 15.)

Conference adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock.

Benediction by G. H. Bollinger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. W. Tarr. Bishop Harris in the chair.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Question Second.—“Who are admitted on trial,” was called. James H. White was recommended by Fresno Quarterly Conference, Visalia District, the Committee on Examination reported favorably, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial.

William H. Palmer was recommended by Fresno Quarterly Conference, Visalia District, the Committee on Examination reported favorably, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial.

Report of Committee on Episcopal Fund presented and adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

On motion, it was requested that the Committee of Examination for admission on trial be appointed in same way as other Committees, and that they examine candidates at the seat of next Conference.

Committees of Examination were appointed. (See page 13.)

Conference Board of Church Extension was appointed. (See page 12.)

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to prepare programme for Conference Anniversaries at the next Annual Session.

Rev. Chas. Shelling was appointed to preach on Ministerial Education at our next Annual Session.

Rev. G. W. Elwood was appointed to preach Annual Missionary Sermon, Rev. A. W. Bunker, alternate, and Rev. I. M. Leihy to preach the Conference Sermon, Rev. F. D. Bovard, alternate.

On motion, all funds now in the hands of the Pastors for the various benevolent and connectional objects, were ordered paid to Bishop Harris on his receipt for the same.

Committee on Pastoral Address reported. Adopted. (See Pastoral Address.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we have enjoyed the presence and administration of Bishop Harris, and that we join in a prayer of faith that he may be spared to the church for many years.

F. D. BOVARD,
G. H. BOLLINGER.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. A. Van Anda is about to be removed to another field of labor, in consideration of the health of his much esteemed companion, therefore

Resolved, That we sympathize with our brother in the circumstances which compel his removal, and that in our appreciation of his efficient services and excellent christian character, we wish him Godspeed and great success in his new field of labor.

E. S. CHASE,
A. M. HOUGH.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due to the people of this charge and to Rev. J. A. Van Anda, the Pastor, for the very kind and generous manner in which they have entertained the Conference during this session.

JOHN B. GREEN,
CHAS. SHELLING,
F. D. BOVARD.

The committee appointed to nominate Triers of Appeals presented their report. Adopted. (See page 13.)

On motion, the Presiding Elders were requested to apportion to the districts and charges the various benevolent moneys apportioned to this Conference for collection.

On motion, the preachers were instructed to transmit their educational collections during the coming year to the Faculty of the University of Southern California.

The Committee on Missions reported. Report adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

On motion, it was ordered that when Conference adjourn, it do so to meet to-morrow evening, to hold the memorial service of our lamented Bishop E. O. Haven, D. D., LL. D., after which appointments will be read and Conference shall stand adjourned.

Conference adjourned.

Benediction by Bishop Harris.

MEMORIAL SERVICE—Sunday Evening, Sept. 4th. Bishop Harris presiding. The opening service was conducted by Rev. C. Shelling, Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District, who announced the 982d hymn, led in prayer, read lessons from 90th Psalm and 15th Chap. 1st Cor., and announced the 991st hymn.

The committee appointed for that purpose presented the following minute:

We enter this minute on our Conference Journal as a brief tribute of our love and sorrow for our sainted Bishop, Erastus O. Haven. We are mourners at the shrine of his memory. With our sister Conferences on the Pacific Coast; with the membership of our entire Church; and with many other thousands in the broader relations of life, we sorrow over his death. He had been given to us by the highest council of the Church, and by his associates in office, as our Bishop. He had come to us with the freshness of his consecration, and with the crown of three-score years upon his brow. He had come to us in the ripened vigor of his manhood, enriched with a life history, varied, distinguished and lasting. Now that he has gone, we think of what he was, and light is shining on every way wherein he walked. Gifted, cultured and versatile, places of responsibility and honor sought and secured his services, until he had filled the measure of his days. He stood among the foremost and best men of his time. He was a teacher, and advanced from the charge of a seminary to the Chancellorship of the Universities of the State of Michigan—the Northwestern and the Syracuse—each and all of the three among the highest and best institutions of their kind in the world. He was an author; his works are standard and classic. He was a journalist. Under his editorial abilities the *Zion's Herald*, that brilliant and powerful exponent of New England Methodism, attained position in the front ranks of religious weeklies. He had been pastor, and had filled the pulpit of what was then the Mulberry Street, and now, the St. Paul's Church, in New York. The Mulberry Street was then, as perhaps St. Paul's is now, in some respects, the most influential pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal Church. But in and through and above the qualities that fitted him for these several positions, there was the gentleness and grace of the Christ-spirit, voicing and shining as in echo and reflection—the Christ-teaching—"Learn of me: for I am meek and lowly of heart." It was these and like qualities that made the man—Erastus Otis Haven. And it was the man so endowed and experienced that was chosen to the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God. And it was this Bishop, so truly good and great, whom we had welcomed in our hearts as our resident Bishop for the Conferences of these Pacific States.

From the executive experiences acquired in his Chancellorship, we were confident of a wise administration of Church

affairs. From his broad and thorough scholarship we were sure that he would do us honor among the most learned and distinguished men of the State. And his clear and masterly effort at our State University in Berkeley, more than justified our expectation. We looked for him to give personal supervision to our work, so that he might know our need, and give us intelligent representation ; and he was almost ubiquitous. He was questioning every source of information, that he might meet our hope and lead the Church on to the highest and best efficiency. His brief visitation among us will be long remembered as a blessing. His spirit and manner were so genial that one forgot the scholarship and greatness of the man in the winning sweetness and simplicity of his discipleship and brotherhood. The children loved him and ran to his companionship. The people recognized and honored his Christian manliness; and in the homes where he visited, and the churches where he worshipped, the memory of his saintliness is precious. After family worship in the morning at one of these homes, he was on the threshold, about to leave, when, to their surprise, he returned into the room and proposed another season of prayer. He prayed again, and the answering baptism fell upon them all.

At a love feast in San Diego, when several had testified to the sanctifying grace and perfect love of God, he said : "I have known about this for several years," and related a rich experience. But he has witnessed his last confession. His prayers are ended. Our hopes that were centered in him have been lifted away, and up to the Chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls. "Our expectation is from God."

We make this minute in gratitude to the Head of the Church for a life so true, a character so saintly, a ministry so efficient, and a death so calm and triumphant as that of our dear departed Bishop Haven. That prayer of our dying Lord, "That they all may be one," takes an almost celestial transposition as it floats in song from the dying lips of our ascended Bishop.

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

Let us follow him as he followed Christ, until we meet—

"Where all our toils are o'er—
Our suffering and our pain ;
Who meet on that eternal shore,
Shall never part again."

CHARLES SHELLING,
For the Committee.

Bishop W. L. Harris and Rev. B. F. Crary of *C. C. Advocate*, delivered eloquent addresses on the character and labors of the subject of this minute.

Following this the Bishop briefly addressed the Conference, read the appointments (see list of appointments), and pronounced the benediction.

W.M. L. HARRIS, President.
JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.



QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1—Who are received by transfer and from what Conferences ?

Answer—Alviro W. Bunker, of New Hampshire Conference ; A. N. Fields, of Colorado Conference ; H. J. Shaffner, Colorado Conference ; T. S. Uren, of Nevada Conference ; Marcus F. Colburn, of New England Southern Conference ; G. W. Elwood, of Nebraska Conference.

2. Q.—Who are admitted on trial ?
A.—James H. White, William H. Palmer.
3. Q.—Who remain on trial ?
A.—James R. Gregory.
4. Q.—Who are discontinued ?
A.—Ivy H. Cox.
5. Q.—Who are admitted into full connection ?
A.—None.
6. Q.—Who are re-admitted ?
A.—None.
7. Q.—Who are received on credentials from other churches ?
A.—None.
8. Q.—What traveling preachers have been elected deacons ?
A.—None.
9. Q.—What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons ?
A.—None.
10. Q.—What local preachers have been elected deacons ?
A.—None.
11. Q.—What local preachers have been ordained deacons ?
A.—None.
12. Q.—Who are the traveling deacons of the first class ?
A.—Marcus F. Colburn.
13. Q.—Who are the traveling deacons of the second class ?
A.—O. S. Frambes, John A. McMillan.
14. Q.—What traveling deacons have been elected elders ?
A.—None.

15. Q.—What traveling deacons have been ordained elders ?
A.—None.
16. Q.—What local deacons have been elected elders ?
A.—None.
17. Q.—What local deacons have been ordained elders ?
A.—None.
18. Q.—Who are the supernumerary preachers ?
A.—J. M. Campbell, John McKelvey, P. Y. Cool, S. B. Guiberson.
19. Q.—Who are the superannuated preachers ?
A.—A. Higbee, Thos. Cookson, J. H. Book.
20. Q.—Was the character of each preacher examined ?
A.—Yes ; in open conference.
21. Q.—Have any died ?
A.—None.
22. Q.—Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences ?
A.—A. H. Tevis to Missouri Conference ; J. A. Van Anda to California Conference.
23. Q.—Have any withdrawn ?
A.—None.
24. Q.—Have any been located at their own request ?
A.—None.
25. Q.—Have any been located ?
A.—None.
26. Q.—Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges ?
A.—None.
27. Q.—Have any been expelled ?
A.—None.
28. Q.—Who are selected for Triers of Appeals ?
A.—J. D. Crum, F. S. Woodcock, Wm. Nixon, R. W. C. Farnsworth, C. G. Belknap, J. H. Peters, E. S. Chase.
29. Q.—What is the statistical report for this Conference year ?
A.—See Statistical Report.
30. Q.—What are the claims on the Conference fund ?
A.—See Conference Steward's Report.
31. Q.—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied ?
A.—See report Conference Stewards.
32. Q.—Where are the preachers stationed ?
A.—(See list of appointments.)
33. Q.—Where shall the next Conference be held ?
A.—San Luis Obispo.

APPOINTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—CHARLES SHELLING, P. E.
(P. O., Los Angeles).

Compton.....	JOHN B. GREEN.
Florence.....	A. M. HOUGH.
German Mission.....	G. H. BOLLINGER (one to be supplied).
Los Angeles—Fort Street.....	E. S. CHASE.
Los Angeles—Spanish work.....	To be supplied.
Los Angeles—Rose Street.....	To be supplied.
Los Angeles—University Church.....	M. M. BOVARD.
Orange and Garden Grove.....	WM. NIXON.
Pasadena and San Gabriel.....	R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.
Pomona and Azusa.....	J. D. CRUM.
Riverside.....	M. F. COLBURN.
San Bernardino.....	G. W. ELWOOD.
San Diego.....	A. W. BUNKER.
San Diego Circuit.....	To be supplied.
San Fernando.....	To be supplied.
Santa Ana.....	C. W. TARR.
Santa Monica.....	To be supplied.
Westminster and Artesia.....	G. C. BELKNAP.
M. M. BOVARD, President of the University of Southern California.	

- F. D. BOVARD, Professor in the University of Southern California and member of University Church Quarterly Conference.
- O. S. FRAMBES, Principal of the Phoenix High School in Phoenix, Arizona, and member of San Diego Quarterly Conference.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—WM. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.
 (P. O., San Buena Ventura.)

Cambria Circuit.....	To be supplied by W. F. WENK.
Goleta.....	F. S. WOODCOCK.
Lompoc.....	A. N. FIELDS.
Los Alamos.....	To be supplied.
Paso Robles.....	I. M. LEIHY.
San Buena Ventura.....	J. H. PETERS.
San Luis Obispo.....	To be supplied by R. M. KIRKLAND.
Santa Barbara	T. S. UREN.
Santa Barbara—Spanish work.....	To be supplied.
Santa Maria.....	HORACE HOLDRIDGE.
Ventura Circuit.....	C. H. LAWTON.

VISALIA DISTRICT—ADAM BLAND, P. E.
 (P. O., Grangeville.)

Bakersfield.....	B. A. WASHBURN.
Fresno.....	W. H. PALMER.
Grangeville.....	J. B. CALLAWAY.
Hanford.....	H. J. SHAFFNER.
Jolon.....	To be supplied.
Kernville and Tehachipi.....	To be supplied by F. HOWLAND.
Mariposa.....	J. W. LEACH.
Merced.....	J. R. GREGORY.
Plano.....	J. A. McMILLAN.
San Benito.....	To be supplied by W. A. SPURLOCK.
Tulare City.....	J. H. WHITE.
Visalia.....	To be supplied by R. R. JONES.

REPORTS.

No. 1—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

The Los Angeles District has had a prosperous year. This was assured from the beginning, in the men of consecrated zeal and energy who were appointed to the churches. In the best elements of fitness and efficiency—qualities that do and dare, that suffer and succeed—the ministers of the Los Angeles District are easily first among brothers and equals in the Methodist itinerancy. Our field is large; our work is mostly pioneer; and it is not lightly or irreverently said, that in nearly every charge the Holy Ghost witnesseth to the itinerant that toil, and sacrifice, and close study, and heroic faith are the conditions of success. And they are met. Under these many-phased conditions of service, the brethren are “doing all things through Christ, which strengtheneth them.”

The preachers have taken the collections. We have made endeavors toward the full apportionments necessary to the several funds of the church. We have not yet attained; but the statistical returns will show hopeful progress in that direction. Some of the charges have increased their contributions more than two-fold over the previous year, and if general business prosperity continues, our people will be in circumstances to respond systematically and fully, from year to year, in payment of every last dollar asked for “the spread of scriptural holiness” through the agencies of the church we love. We may not, must not stop short of this. Toward this mark the Los Angeles District is pressing, as one of the many prizes of our high calling.

We have sixteen church buildings and four parsonages, estimated at a valuation of more than fifty thousand dollars. On the German Church in Los Angeles there is a small indebtedness, which will be paid early in the coming year. On one of the parsonages there is some incumbrance; but with these exceptions, the church property on the district is free from debt, and we deem this to be noteworthy and gratifying. The

brethren at Orange have sung the Doxology over the final payment of a debt that had been an embarrassment for years.

So also the Fort Street Church in Los Angeles. That handsome property was encumbered with a debt of five thousand five hundred dollars. The continuously recurring interest payments, at high rates, seriously crippled the efficiency of the society. There were times when even the ownership of the property seemed to be imperilled; but now the debt is paid. The claim is cashed and cancelled. As supplementary to this, and as an indication of what Fort Street may do in times to come, their collections and disbursements in the year aggregate over ten thousand dollars. Part of this will apply toward the purchase of a lot and the building of a parsonage, for which negotiations are already in progress. During the year Dr. J. P. Widney has had a costly and fine-toned bell cast, with suitable inscriptions, and placed in the tower, as an affectionate tribute and sacred memorial to his deceased wife. We commend the fitness and spirit of this example as worthy of imitation.

A new parsonage is being built at Riverside. The exterior of the church at San Gabriel has been newly painted. The brethren there have the funds in hand with which to build a parsonage. The church at Pomona has been improved and their song service rendered more attractive by the purchase of an organ. The auditorium of the church in San Diego is graced with a new organ and is made more pleasant for evening services by the introduction of gas-light, with handsome fixtures.

A commodious church, in good style of architecture, has been built at Artesia. The interior is not yet finished. Perhaps the best success of the year, in church-building, has been achieved at Santa Ana. The town is second in population and business importance in Los Angeles County. For years our labors there seemed a failure. We had no place of worship. Now all is changed. Through God's blessing on wisely directed and persistent efforts, the pastor succeeded in winning over the people to co-operate with his plans and build a church. The Board of Church Extension lent a generous hand of help, and so Santa Ana has a new church, neat in exterior style and finish, with tasteful and attractive audience-room, where as large a congregation as any in the place assemble for worship at the sound of the bell that rings from its tower. Church and bell are paid for. The Sunday School is flourishing. The membership is enlarged, and the future of our Methodism is in Santa Ana reasonably assured.

The German work among us is making healthful progress. The membership, the Sunday School, and the congregation of the church in Los Angeles are larger and more influential for good than they were a year ago. In their contributions toward home and mission and general church purposes they are thoroughly methodical and generous. Here, as in the East, their statistical report will compare favorably with our English-speaking churches. Increased appropriations were made by the General Missionary Committee for our German Mission that will now be available. And the missionary is expecting an assistant, with whom he intends to establish preaching at other places.

Our mission among the Spanish-speaking population continues efficient and a blessing. Many have renounced Roman Catholicism under the labors of the missionary. Nearly forty are in full membership in connection with the Fort Street church, others are on probation. The missionary has extended his labors among his countrymen to Anaheim and Azusa and other places, with apparent success, and is met with a willingness of the people to receive the Word that challenges wonder and joy. "The fields are white already to harvest;" but we are straitened for want of funds. The special appropriation of five hundred dollars made in April, 1880, was all expended months ago. Continued occupancy of the Rose Street Chapel, in Los Angeles, for preaching and Sunday School, has been secured by the generosity of the Fort Street Church, who have paid the rent and contributed part of the money due the missionary on his small stipend of thirty dollars a month. There are \$500 appropriated to the Mexican work for the coming year.

Could we reach the General Missionary Committee influentially, we would try and convince them that the mission is second in promise to none other that comes under their care and that every consideration of patriotism and Christianity should command the immediate adoption of broad and wise measures to Americanize and convert the many thousands of the Mexican population living within the States of the Pacific Coast.

The Rose Street Mission Sunday School is a branch of the Fort Street School. It was organized early in the year, under the superintendency of the Hon. G. Wiley Wells. It at once assumed proportions that required the enlargement of the building where they met. The school numbers over one hundred scholars. Preaching services are held nearly every Sabbath. Some revival interest has been shared. A class has been formed and it is purposed to constitute the mission a dis-

tinct society, after conference. The University Church has also been organized during the year, and has been supplied by Rev. M. M. Bovard. Preaching and Sunday School services are held in the chapel of the University building. This society gives promise of becoming influential in numbers and usefulness in the near future.

Our Sunday Schools are generally efficient and prosperous. The children of the church are receiving sound biblical instruction. Many are brought to the knowledge of the truth and made "heirs of the kingdom."

The University of Southern California has passed the first year of its history. The year was commenced under conditions that made a large success in the way of numbers impossible. Accommodations sufficiently ample and varied to meet the demands of students could not be furnished. Funds to purchase the necessary apparatus to give the institution average facilities for educational purposes were not in hand. For the same reason, the services of instructors of widely-known fame could not be employed, in association with the honored names already on the Faculty, to attract students to our newly-opened halls of learning. The want of money has also kept the President, M. M. and Professor F. D. Bovard, closely confined to the recitation rooms, when it would have been a great advantage could they have given more of their time in representing the University among the churches and people. And yet the school has made a good beginning. The first catalogue is at once gratifying and suggestive. Our esteemed brothers Bovard are struggling manfully and well. They hold their post at cost and sacrifice. We must help them to win. And we must help them not only with earnest sympathy and prayer, but with such practical co-operation as will cost us self-denial and sacrifice, and prove us worthy sons of the Fathers, who wrought and sacrificed to build up our older colleges, that are now recognized by us all as among the most potent and glorious forces of our wonderful Methodism. The illness of President Bovard has awakened our deepest solicitude. We are thankful for his convalescence, and trust that he may soon be able to resume the educational work that he has so well begun for the church.

The spiritual condition of the churches is not all that could be wished, but is yet healthful and progressive. A stronger and higher tone of religious sentiment and experience obtains among us than was known a few years ago. The religious character of our people is more positive and aggressive. "Times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" have

blessed several of the charges, as Artesia, Poway, on San Diego Circuit, Azusa, Orange, Santa Ana, Los Angeles, Compton, and the District Camp-meeting. In these revival services many "sinners have been converted from the error of their ways," and many believers have received Christ, as "made of the Father unto them, wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption." They profess to lay all upon Christ, as their altar, priest and sacrifice, and by faith are "sanctified through the truth," "wholly sanctified unto God." They profess to come into the fulness of the blessing of perfect love and peace and joy. Some, we know, have expressed grave apprehensions as to the results of the movement. That serious liabilities may be involved is not questioned; but observation confirms my opinion that in nearly every instance this fuller experience intensifies Methodist characteristics and attachments. It has been my blessed privilege to place myself in such relation to the movement as to foster the good and to help check any danger of drift away from the doctrinal limits and recognized experiences of the best cultured and truest exponents of Methodism.

We stand on these lines of our Conference year stricken and sorrowing. Our chief shepherd and bishop is taken from us. We had hoped for much, perhaps too much, and trusted fully, perhaps too fully, and fondly that it had been he who should have wondrously helped our Israel on these western shores. He was among us with the geniality of a brother, the tenderness of a father and the sweet sanctity of a saint. His words were fitly spoken; his presence was a benediction. We would fain have retained his leadership; but his mansion in the Father's house was ready. The Elder Brother called and our dear Bishop Haven entered into eternal rest. Sadly and submissively we bow to the All-Father's will, and only pray that the mantle of our ascended Elijah may fall on all "the sons of the prophets."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SHELLING, P. E.

No. 2.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDING ELDER OF SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR THE CONFERENCE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1881.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The Santa Barbara District is composed of three counties—San Buenaventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. They lie almost due north and south—along the coast on the west, and the coast range on the east. The district is about two hundred and seventy-five miles long, and nearly averages seventy-five miles wide. It has mountains high and rugged, and deep cañons and broad plains and flowing prairies, and dense forests, and all varieties of soil and climate, adapted to all productions of modern civilization. It is traversed by the great stage roads from San Francisco to Los Angeles and San Diego, over which a stage runs daily. The steamers touch on their way along the coast, going north and south, at thirteen landings. The work has been divided this year into eight appointments. The pastors have taken the gospel to twenty-three different preaching places, and yet have not been able to meet the demands of the work. Two more excellent circuits can be formed.

We have 6 Parsonages valued.....	\$ 3,875 00
" " 7 Churches "	16,100 00
Debts on Church property unpaid.....	600 00
Debts paid this year.....	1,085 00
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No. of Conversions.....	119
No. of Probationers.....	127
No. of Full Members.....	
No. of Deaths.....	7
No. of Sunday-Schools.....	9
No. of Children.....	465

All the Brethren went to their work except one, who was permitted to change for good reasons. The Brethren have been earnest, faithful and active throughout the entire year. Bro. Van Anda's family have suffered in the affliction of Sister Van Anda. We deeply sympathize with them. The Pastors have made very many and very great sacrifices to aid the Church and people in the noble work of soul-saving. In a new country, where the people are just beginning—in poverty—to lay the corner-stone of their western home, our *true* Methodist minister awaits to dedicate it to God and His cause. The peo-

ple, no doubt, pay all they can to support the gospel; then the Brethren bear in silence the deficiency and suffer with their flocks. There are no *easy* places in *this* district, from the Eldership up. The work has been pleasant and harmonious in every respect. There is generally the most happy state of feeling existing in the churches, and the greatest unanimity on all our doctrines and work.

We rejoice in the fact that the San Luis Obispo church property, which has so long been involved in embarrassing debt, and under a mortgage of over \$400, has paid off the debt and is *now free* and happy. It has also paid \$100 on a new and elegant organ, and greatly improved and enlarged the parsonage, to the amount of \$150, without debt. The church at Goleta, through the Christian beneficence of Mrs. F. E. Kellogg, Sr., and her husband, and the liberal assistance of the community, has been completed and finished in handsome style, and without debt. Sister Kellogg, on her death-bed, requested her companion to see it finished. It is a noble work. It was dedicated by our beloved Bishop, E. O. Haven.

The Ventura Church has reduced the debt, and hope soon to free it from its incumberances. We have great reason to be thankful to our Church Extension Board for the generous aid they have bestowed upon these churches. These loans have no doubt saved them from sheriff's sale, and greatly blessed the earnest, devoted few who have the weight of our weak churches upon their hearts. The Board was called upon by the Lompoc Church and have responded kindly this year by a loan. We need a large additional notice right here for the Board of Missions, and ask you, brethren, to respond in your hearts, if it is true. We have been, as ministers and churches, kept *alive, boarded and clothed* by them; sometimes, barely so, but we have been able to continue in the work since the birth of our Conference, by its timely aid. While we heartily thank the Mission Board for its consideration in the past, we most earnestly ask them to come more closely to our needs in the future.

The country is growing in wealth and population, and with this growth there is an increase in competition from other churches and a division of the interest and support among the people. Many of the large land grants are being divided and sold, and the new settlers are calling for the gospel. Prominent among these are Buel's Ranch, College Ranch and Santa Rita and Lompoc Colony. Other ranches are being rented and farmed, and it is believed will soon be sold for colonization from the eastern States. The Napoma Ranch and Steel's of

San Luis Obispo County are among them. These will no doubt form additional appointments and promising fields for our Methodism. An extension to the San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria Valley Railroad is being constructed to Central City from San Luis Obispo, to connect with the Port Harford landing, which will greatly advance the interests of the interior valleys. New towns are springing up and growing along what is supposed will be the coast line of railroad. Every available foot of government land is being sought out and cultivated, even in the mountains and on the hillsides. This affords a grand opening for the voice of Methodism to echo its wonderful proclamation of *free* and *full* salvation over all this *sunny* land.

We held special revival meetings during the winter and spring in several places. A protracted meeting at Saticoy, Ventura Circuit, resulted in about forty conversions. One at Lompoc in a good number of conversions. One at San Buenaventura and Santa Barbara, each in greatly reviving the churches. A camp-meeting was held at Paso Robles which was a glorious success. About twenty were converted, and the church wonderfully blest. Our district camp-meeting was held in Tucker's Grove, about six miles from Santa Barbara and two from Goleta, beginning on the 16th of August and ending the 29th. It was attended by all the ministers, who labored faithfully and nobly, and by campers from nearly every appointment on the district. There were thirty tents. It continued thirteen days, and the interest not only *continued* but deepened and widened to the last. There were thirty conversions and many reclaimed and quickened, and *very* many professed a deeper work of grace. All the members, from the *coldest* backslider to the *highest* professor of sanctification, worked side by side in the glorious work of salvation. Twenty-two united with the churches of the district and one hundred communed at the altar last Sabbath. Eighty-six dollars and fifty-five cents was collected to defray the expenses. We held a memorial service in honor of our beloved Bishop, E. O. Haven, which was addressed by Bros. Leihy, Van Anda and Fields. It was deeply impressive and solemn. It is said to be the greatest camp-meeting ever held in this district. The Holy Spirit was powerfully present, and the glory of the Lord still shines on all our hearts, who enjoyed this happy privilege. It is a grand preparation for the work of this Conference, and will long be remembered as the place of blessing to many souls. Bro. Tucker gives us the use of his beautiful grove free of charge, and we hope to make of it a permanent district

camp-ground. We organized an association and adopted a constitution and elected F. E. Kellogg, Sr., President, and H. A. C. McPhail, Vice-President, F. E. Kellogg, Jr., Secretary, and Bro. Kenyon, Treasurer. A Board of Directors was elected, and the people are determined to revive the "old time religion" from this center up the entire coast. There has been a grand temperance rally and reformation all over the district. It was under the management of Mrs. E. Pitt Stevens, but was generally begun and conducted from the M. E. Churches, with the pastors in the thickest of the fight. It is due to our men and church that this should be mentioned here. Many who had been slaves to drink were reformed and coffee houses established. Halls are now being built in several places; and in several places saloons have closed on Sundays, and some have died. Alcohol has been crowded out of many of the public celebrations, and even from the horse-races. The public sentiment has been growing very rapidly against all forms of intemperance, and all the privileges granted the nefarious and ruinous business of the sale and manufacture of alcohol.

The Spanish Mission of this district has been organized by Bro. Jno. Martinez. He came here in company with Rev. H. F. Ashcroft, who came to Santa Barbara with the "Holiness Tent," about five months ago. He has been laboring to support himself and family, and has preached on the streets, and from house to house, and distributed tracts and taught the people. He is a man full of the Holy Ghost. It has intensified his love for his countrymen till his zeal is at white heat. He is well versed in all our doctrines and usages, and has a *sound* orthodox enthusiasm in all his ministry. He is an excellent speaker in Spanish, and a fine scholar. He and his wife have united with the Santa Barbara Church, and he has organized a class of Probationers at Santa Barbara of thirteen adults, of which six are men and seven are women. Six children under eight years old, and seven from eight years old to eighteen years old. This class has twenty six members. He also has a class at Monticito of adults—six men and two women—children under eight years old, five; children over eight years old, to eighteen years old, five; total, eighteen and two men. West of Santa Barbara, total number on probation, forty-eight. There are about fifty Mexicans at Monticito who are friendly to him and his work, and about twenty-five in Santa Barbara. The interest is growing among them constantly in this new religion, and the priests oppose his work and urge others of their votaries to mischief against him.

Once, while he was preaching, a Mexican was about to strike him down, when some one caught him and prevented the blow. At another time, four or five women were going to throw water on him if he did not get away from the front of their property. He moved into the street and continued his sermon. They meet at private houses and hold prayer and class meetings. They are all poor people and very anxious to hear the gospel. At Monticito, a man said he would try to get two acres of land and build a Methodist Church. One man says, "I am a regular shouting Methodist everywhere and all the time." The priests charge them stated and exorbitant prices for baptisms, marriages, funerals, masses, responses, prayers, and even for ringing the bells. They prevent the burial of unbaptized children in their consecrated ground. They charge young people extra at weddings for the privilege of going in at the front door. Money buys all its blessings, and poverty takes the crumbs or goes hungry. This is to be our open door, and God requires us to go in. The Spanish people of Lompoc and Guadalupe have sent for Bro. Martinez to come and preach to them, and to send them tracts and Bibles. This is the beginning of a great work, and we trust God will direct in its further development, till it shall be a glorious church of happy and true converts, redeemed from the heavy yoke of the Roman oppressor. Let us be thankful that our lives and our families have all been spared, and that we may meet here again. Let us be grateful for the blessings of the year, which have cheered us on our way. Let us thank God for the spiritual outpourings we have had, and then re-consecrate ourselves to the great work of the coming year. This has been the hardest yet the *happiest* year of my ministry. May God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.
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No. 3.

REPORT OF PRESIDING ELDER OF VISALIA DISTRICT, SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER
1ST, 1881.

This District includes five entire counties—Kern, Tulare, Fresno, Mariposa and Merced—and part of two others—San Benito and Monterey. Its entire length is about two hundred and sixty miles; average breadth, about one hundred and fifty miles; containing about thirty-nine thousand square miles.

The interior valley is nearly one hundred miles wide, and a very large proportion of it is good farming land, and much of it is the best I know of in the State. The country is filling up rapidly—especially Tulare and Fresno Counties. The facilities for irrigation are very fine, and are being improved continually. Visalia ought to be the principal charge in this District. It is an old charge and a good deal of talent and money have been employed in securing what we yet have here. The population is claimed to be two thousand five hundred. It is the county seat of Tulare County, and boasts a one hundred thousand dollar Court-house as evidence of its prosperity.

Notwithstanding all this, our society is very weak in Visalia. We have a church and parsonage; but on the latter is a debt of about seven hundred dollars. Our membership is small and feeble, and the community wicked and professedly infidel. It is at this time the most unpromising field I have any knowledge of, except one. Bro. S. B. Guiberson was appointed to Visalia at the last Conference and began the year well, but his health failed him before six months expired, and he, on the advice of his physician, left the place. The work suffered much the remainder of the year for want of a pastor. About the first of August, Rev. R. R. Jones, for whom we had been looking for some time, arrived and took charge. The prospects are now better, and possibly the next year or two may develop in our favor.

Bakersfield, the county seat of Kern County, a town of some two thousand inhabitants, is the only charge more discouraging than Visalia. It is also an old charge and has had a run of good pastors, but they have made but little out of it, except to build a good church and parsonage, which I believe are out of debt. This work was left to be supplied. Bro. J. McKelvey was the supply, and for a while we were somewhat hopeful until Bro. McKelvey was taken down with the fever and ague, and was not able to do full work. Things look very discouraging in this charge, but we still hope that we shall see a better state of things in a year or two.

Plano and Porterville is another charge that was left to be supplied. It is situated in the eastern part of Tulare County. It has a good membership, and was fortunate to be close enough to the Indian Reservation for us to secure the agent, Rev. C. G. Belknap, for pastor during the year. The charge is in a good condition, all things considered. It has a church and parsonage out of debt. The country about is not particularly prosperous, and there is some tendency to fever and ague.

Grangeville and Lemore charge was set off from the Hanford and Lemore circuit last Conference, J. B. Callaway, pastor. He has been very successful in every way. He won the favor of all the people, and had a gracious revival, adding some forty members to the church; and has provided for the indebtedness. There is no better farming country in the State than that surrounding this charge, and there are but few better charges in this Conference.

Hanford charge is situated about four miles from Grangeville, and of course in the same kind of farming community. J. R. Gregory, pastor. In the beginning of the year, Bro. Gregory labored under discouragements—no place of worship, congregations small and competition strong. But as the months passed, prospects brightened, and toward the close of the year, a handsome little church was dedicated to God, without incurring any indebtedness, and we sung the Doxology with hearts greatly rejoiced. All want Bro. Gregory returned.

Fresno was left to be supplied. This is a town of some one thousand five hundred inhabitants, the county seat of a flourishing county of same name, surrounded by numerous colonies and settlements. The entire county has been neglected by our church until this year. We made three visits to this charge during the year, and think we have a very good circuit there now. Bro. J. H. White has supplied the charge during the last quarter of the year.

Merced charge is the only one we got with the territory recently acquired from the California Conference.

We have here a church and parsonage, out of debt. J. W. Leach, pastor, and under the circumstances has done well. The town claims a population of two thousand five hundred, and is a promising field for us.

Mariposa is yet an unexplored field to us, but we have learned enough about it to believe we ought to occupy it.

Of San Benito and Jolon, the same can be said. They are fields which we should immediately occupy.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM BLAND, P. E.
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No. 4.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The dissemination of the Holy Scriptures is of vital importance to the work of the Church. The Bible Cause is second to none of the various interests claiming our attention and support; therefore,

Resolved, 1st.—That we renew our pledge of assistance to and coöperation with the American Bible Society.

2d.—That we commend the work of District Superintendent, Rev. John Thompson, invite him to our pulpits, and render him all the assistance within our power.

3d.—That we hail with gratitude and delight the New Version of the New Testament, not that it is far superior to, but that it is so great a confirmation of the general correctness of the King James Version.

4th.—That, for general use, the King James Version, upon which we have so long relied, and which is so wonderfully confirmed by so many eminent scholars, is still worthy of our unshaken confidence.

P. Y. COOL,
JOHN A. McMILLAN.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Amount of money paid in for the American Bible Society as follows:

Compton & Goleta, by receipt of District Superin-	
tendent Rev. John Thompson.....	\$28 70
By cash from various charges.....	14 55
Total	\$43 25

P. Y. COOL, Committee.

No. 5.—TRACT CAUSE.

More money is needed and ought to be collected for this cause, and more diligence should be shown in scattering tracts among the people. All former utterances of this body looking to these ends are re-affirmed and emphasized.

J. D. CRUM,
JOHN A. McMILLAN.

No. 6.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Resolved, 1st.—That we recognize the importance of circulating religious literature since the secular press on this coast is less favorable to the Gospel than in any other part of the United States, and since the public sentiment is very largely

controlled by the press, we therefore pledge ourselves anew to do all in our power to advance our publishing interests on this coast.

Resolved, 2d—That we gratefully acknowledge the services of Rev. John B. Hill as Book Agent, and express our most complete confidence in his management of the Book Depository at San Francisco. And since he has kindly offered to obtain any book or periodical published in the United States, we pledge ourselves to order all our books and periodicals and our Sunday School Literature through the San Francisco Depository.

Resolved, 3d—That we acknowledge the great services rendered the Church by the *California Christian Advocate* in elevating the tone of morality, and in every way supplementing our ministerial efforts to push on the great work of the Gospel.

Resolved, 4th—That we hail with delight the fact that the *California Christian Advocate* has so greatly increased its circulation as to now place it on a sound financial basis; that we approve most heartily of its present editorial management; and that we will coöperate with the editor and agent in placing it in every family within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, 5th—That we will make a strong effort to increase its present circulation within our Conference at least three hundred.

Resolved, 6th—That we acknowledge the able and efficient services of Rev. B. F. Crary, D.D., its present editor, and will ever pray that his life be spared to this work.

F. D. BOVARD,
—
H. HOLDRIDGE.

No. 7—REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, It is a well authenticated fact that the liquor traffic is the cause of four-fifths of the crime in this country, and nearly the same proportion of the pauperism; and

WHEREAS, All Christian effort finds its most powerful opposition in the great evil of intemperance,

Resolved, That this Conference hereby reaffirms its faith in the principle of total abstinence from all that can intoxicate, and its adherence to the principle of legal prohibition.

Resolved, That we hail with gratitude the progress of the temperance cause.

Resolved, That we deprecate the wine-growing interests of our State, as detrimental to the progress of moral reform.

E. S. CHASE, Chairman.
J. H. PETERS.

No. 8—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WHEREAS, The Sabbath should be strictly observed as a day of rest and worship; and

WHEREAS, There is a strong tendency to neglect the proper observance of this holy day by some of our own people, and many of our citizens desecrate the Lord's Day by the transaction of ordinary business and in seeking worldly pleasure; therefore

Resolved, That, as Gospel ministers, we will earnestly labor to correct this great and growing evil.

S. B. GUIBERSON,
A. M. HOUGH.
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J. A. VAN ANDA.

No. 9—ON FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

It should not be forgotten that at the last general Conference it was decided to render such aid to schools for white children in the South, as could be done without embarrassing the schools for freedmen. In view of this fact, the Board of Managers for the Freedmen's Aid Society has increased the appropriation for the present year from \$100,000 to \$125,000. The amount apportioned to the Southern California Conference is \$150—about seven cents per member. The amount brought into this Conference session is \$33.85. What shall we do to arouse a greater and more general interest in this as well as other Christian benevolences? If all our people were regular readers of our church papers; if, in addition to this, they would, from year to year, carefully study the annual reports of this society, surely they would have more thought and feeling for this cause. Surely, too, our solicitations for material aid, whether made in public or private, would result in greater success. Believing thus, we offer the following, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That beginning with the early part of the coming year, we will, each in our several charges, by the circulation of papers, reports or tracts, as well as by preaching and conversation, seek to have our people well informed concerning this great and good cause.

2. *Resolved*, That in accordance with the suggestion of the Corresponding Secretary, we do request the Presiding Elders, before leaving the seat of Conference, or as soon after as pos-

sible, to apportion the amount required of this Conference, to their respective districts and charges, informing each pastor of the amount; and that we will endeavor to collect it during this year.

C. H. LAWTON.

No. 10—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON S. S. UNION.

The receipts of last year were \$50.40; this year, \$22.95.

As the receipts have fallen off more than one-half, we deem the cause to have suffered through neglect. As a remedy be it *Resolved*, that each pastor receiving appointment for the incoming year report at least \$1 for this cause at the next annual Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. WASHBURN,
H. HOLDRIDGE.

No. 11—ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Board of Church Extension has already done much for this Conference, and we are very grateful for the assistance; still, there are within our bounds very great and pressing needs of more help. It is believed that with moderate assistance fifteen new churches could be built in desirable localities during the year to come. The aid that we get from the Church Extension Society is proportioned to the amount of our contributions, we receiving five dollars for every dollar given. In view of these facts we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Conference Board of Church Extension be urged to still greater activity and earnestness in this work.
2. That the Presiding Elders faithfully keep this cause before the preachers and quarterly conferences; and that they be instructed to apportion to the districts and churches the amount asked from this Conference, and to do it at or before the first quarterly conference.
3. That all the pastors be earnestly urged to preach on the subject and take the collection in all the churches according to the Discipline; and that we pledge ourselves to do our best to raise the full amount apportioned to our charges.
4. That we respectfully and earnestly entreat the Board of Church Extension to make the needed appropriation to this Conference.

J. B. CALLAWAY,
H. HOLDRIDGE,
R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.

No. 12.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

While we would not lose sight of, or interest in, the general cause of education, we believe Providence has placed upon us a special charge, which demands our warmest sympathy and our utmost efforts. September 4, 1880, a Board of Directors was fully incorporated and organized by the election of officers, and the University of Southern California took its place, as youngest daughter in the large and illustrious family of Methodist Universities and Colleges. The Board was deeply impressed with its responsibilities, but hopeful and joyful in view of the prospects and possibilities before it. Rev. M. M. Bovard was elected President, and Rev. F. D. Bovard Professor, and on September ¹⁴, 1889, the new building first opened its doors for the reception of students, and we now present a report of its first year's work to this Conference. According to the articles of incorporation this University is under the control of the Southern California Conference, which is to elect its Board of Directors annually.

Your Committee feel that under all of the circumstances the first year's work of our University has been very satisfactory, and a bright prophecy of much greater things to come. The catalogue contains a list of fifty-six pupils. These have been mostly in the preparatory departments, and yet, owing to the grade of the school, the studies have taken a wide range and made heavy demands on the Faculty. The brothers Bovard have had one regular teacher most of the time, and the partial service of a number of very competent teachers, so that instruction of a high order has been furnished in all of the ordinary studies, in French, German and Spanish, and in all of the ornamental branches.

There has been no endowment fund available for the support of this Faculty. The only receipts have been from tuition which has been kept at the lowest practicable figures, and the Conference collections. The brothers Bovard have heroically faced these facts, and devoted their undivided energies to the work, and deserve the thanks of this Conference. The coming University year will require at least one additional teacher, and the question is, how shall we meet these demands? After very careful consideration the Board of Directors have presented the following plans. We have about 250 lots yet unsold belonging to the endowment fund. The Trustees of that fund offer these lots at \$300 each. Fifty dollars cash and the

remainder in five, or even more than five, annual installments. And the Trustees make this proposition to the Conference. (See document marked A.)

If this proposition is met it will result in the sale of forty lots, and will put over \$10,000 into the permanent endowment fund, which will raise that to about \$13,000, and so give an annual income for the support of the school of about \$1,300. The present financial exhibit is as follows. (See financial report.) Therefore,

Resolved, 1st—That we recognize the University of Southern California as our Conference School, and we will do all we can to secure scholars, and to assist it by all other practicable means.

Resolved, 2d—That the Conference collections be appropriated to the University of Southern California, and that we will endeavor to make the collection of next Conference year reach two hundred dollars.

Resolved, 3d—That we will make an earnest effort to meet the proposition of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund by securing the sale of twenty lots at this Conference.

Resolved, 4th—That we will welcome to our charges any member of the Faculty, or any other properly authorized agent, and co-operate with him in any practicable plans for the advancement of the interests of the University.

We nominate the following persons for election, to fill the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California: Hon. R. M. Widney, ex-Gov. J. G. Downey, E. F. Spence, C. H. Bradley, S. C. Hubbel, P. M. Green, Rev. Chas. Shelling, W. A. Knighten, E. S. Chase, F. S. Woodcock and A. M. Hough.

We recommend the following as a Board of Visitors: Hon. G. Wiley Wells, P. Y. Cool, W. Nixon, R. W. C. Farnsworth and J. H. Peters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. HOUGH, Chairman.
F. D. BOVARD, Secretary.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO M. E. CONFERENCE TO SEPT. 1, 1881.

Receipts from sale of land to September 1, 1881, and cash.....	\$6,130 00
Contracts bearing 10 % interest, payable in 5 an- nual instalments.....	2,870 00
Total sales of land.....	9,000 00
Donation to endowment and building fund.....	1,078 52
Donation of Hodge Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hodge, estimated value.....	5,000 00
Donations and collections received for furnishing the building.....	1,229 00
From tuition.....	1,642 40
Total receipts.....	\$17,949 92

Disbursements to Sept. 1st, 1881, from Endowment Fund.

Cost of first University building.....	\$ 5,058 54
Improving campus, taxes, commission on sale of lots, etc.....	1,913 90
Cost of furnishing University building.....	1,183 19
Paid to M. M. and F. D. Bovard on account of ex- penses of maintaining educational department from October, 1880, to June, 1881.....	1,642 40
Endowment fund, at interest 10 %.....	2,870 00
Hodge Hall and furniture.....	5,000 00
Cash in hands of trustees of endowment fund, in bank	225 76
Cash in hands of treasurer of the University, S. C. Hubbel.....	56 13
Debts and liabilities <i>none</i>	00 00
Total.....	\$17,949 92

A. M. HOUGH,
Chairman of Trustees of Endowment Fund.

R. M. WIDNEY,
President of Corporation of University of Southern California.

Document "A" contained a proposition by Trustees to sell twenty lots, if the Conference would sell same number.

No. 13—AUDITING COMMITTEES.

Your Committee, having carefully examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders, find them correct.

J. D. CRUM,
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J. H. PETERS.
C. G. BELKNAP.

No. 14—ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee present the following report:

The cause of Christ has been the cause of Missions from the beginning, and our missionary zeal is always in exact proportions to our zeal for the service of our Divine Lord. Wherever you will find a live church you will find a spirit of hard work possessed by both pastor and membership for the salvation of men. While we, as a Conference, are deeply interested in the welfare of Foreign Missions, and are willing and anxious to work for their success, there are special reasons for increased interest in the cause of Missions in our midst. Seldom are greater opportunities presented to the consideration of men than are pressed upon the notice of the church of this coast. We, as a body of Methodist preachers, are especially invited into the fields *all around* us, now white for the harvest. Much of the territory of this Conference is comparatively new, and quite a large portion of it will be occupied the coming year for the first time. We would, therefore, respectfully ask the attention of the Presiding Bishop to the fact that to work these fields successfully there will be an imperative necessity for a large increase of funds in our missionary appropriations. Besides this increase for the general work, there ought to be a special appropriation of at least \$5000 to establish and man a Spanish Mission within the bounds of this Conference. This work within our territory is of such importance that we ought to take advanced ground at once. There is now employed in the Spanish work one missionary, Brother Antonio Diaz, and the Brother John Martinez has been working on his own account for the salvation of the Spanish people. Both of these brethren have met with encouraging success. In some instances it has appeared, indeed, marvelous. These brethren should not only be sustained in their labor, but some member of this Conference ought to be appointed as superintendent of the Spanish Mission work within our bounds. To neglect this field longer is rendering us liable of incurring the Divine displeasure. Entering into this open door, we may rest assured

of carrying out the principles of the wonderful Counselor, and we may claim the Divine promise, " Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

We would therefore offer the following:

That WHEREAS, the Spanish-speaking people of California are destitute of spiritual instruction ; and

WHEREAS, God in His providence seems to indicate to us, as a church, that we should enter at once upon the cultivation of this field ; therefore,

Resolved, 1st.—That we respectfully and earnestly request the Presiding Bishop of this Conference to appoint or authorize, if it should be found practicable, the employment of such men as are needed for its proper cultivation.

2nd.—That we respectfully ask, through Bishop Harris, the appropriation of missionary funds sufficient to insure the success of an enterprise of such magnitude and importance.

While we rejoice in the success of our German work within the bounds of this Conference, we deeply regret that its interests are so crippled for the want of men and funds. There ought to be at least three more men actively engaged in this fruitful field. The influx of the German element into this country claims our attention and care, and we are sorry that ground formerly occupied by our church is now taken from us by other denominations, simply because suitable men cannot be procured for its occupancy.

C. G. BELKNAP.

No. 15—VISITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee had the pleasure of attending the recent commencement exercises of the University of Southern California, and present the following report :

The institution is located in a suburb of Los Angeles known as West Los Angeles, and is easily reached from the center of population by a line of street cars.

The first building, erected a year ago, at a cost of \$5060 and furnished at a cost of about \$1200, presents a fine appearance. The grounds are now set with young shade trees, shrubbery and grass, which will soon add much to their beauty.

A good well and windmill supply an abundance of water for all present purposes.

The house is a comfortable and sightly one, well planned

and built, convenient for recitations, musical instruction and chapel exercises, and is quite well furnished. It is all good—no shoddy about it. A library of over 700 volumes has been gathered together already and is being constantly added to. Quite a collection of geological, mineralogical and other specimens, exposed in convenient and substantial cases, occupies a place by the side of the library. We were glad to find that while many needed facilities are yet lacking, rapid progress has been made in procuring the necessary appurtenances of a well organized school of its grade.

We found the instructors commanding the confidence and love of their pupils, and the esteem of all who are brought into relations with the school. We feel it fitting to here say of them, that in practical wisdom, in culture and in Christian character, our Brothers Bovard and their assistants are a guarantee of the safety of the high interests over which they are called upon by the church to preside.

We attended nearly all the examinations, which were conducted in writing, and carefully looked over most of the examination papers. We were pleased with the proficiency shown by the various classes in the studies in which they had been engaged.

Competent teachers were employed during the year to assist President Bovard and his brother, the Professor of Mathematics, including instructors in preparatory studies, Spanish and music. We wonder at the success with which such help was secured with so small an income to meet the bills.

During the year sixty-five students were enrolled, several of whom contemplate a complete course of study.

So far as it was possible for us to examine into the government of the school we found much to comment and nothing to condemn.

We feel that parents and guardians have here the best and safest place to send their children, to a school of this grade, where their moral training is not neglected, and where they are protected from many of the evils of the city, while surrounded by pure Christian influences.

During the year just closed, the Hodge Boarding Hall has been erected at a cost of about five thousand dollars. Mr. Hodge and wife of Los Angeles, have shown their love for the educational interests of the church by erecting this house and securing it to the Trustees of the University. Prof. F. D. Bovard and family are now living in the building, and they, assisted by a reliable preceptress, will have the immediate care of the students who occupy the house. About twenty-five

boarders can be accommodated. Since our visit, it has been decided to reserve this entire building for the use of young lady students, a decision which we highly approve. For the accommodation of young men, another arrangement has been made. The Lothian House, conveniently located, has been engaged as a lodging house, presided over by an appointee, if not a member of the Faculty. The young men who lodge here, if they desire it, can yet take their meals at the regular boarding hall. Thus, the confusion and trouble resulting from accommodating both sexes in the same boarding house will be avoided. We see not how safer or more convenient arrangements could be made for the protection and instruction of those who may be privileged to attend this school.

We made some examination into the financial condition of the University, but will not give a full statement thereof, as the Directors have prepared an extensive report on the subject.

The institution has now improvements valued at about thirteen thousand dollars; productive endowment fund of about three thousand dollars, and property yet for sale valued at about sixty thousand dollars.

A word as to its needs. It needs *money*—money that can be used immediately—for the present income is so inadequate as to be a constant and dangerous hinderance to its management. The brethren who are conducting the school, and who feel they must have constant help from teachers whom they must employ, deprive themselves of needed support rather than let the school suffer from lack of competent instructors.

The vacant property must be sold. Our educational collections must be increased. Patronage is needed, and you will bear kindly the exhortation to earnest effort to secure a good number of students for the coming year. To give the institution your prayers—your warmest sympathy—and when you can do so, make the school a visit. It is our school. It belongs to the Conference. We are giving two of our choicest men to it as teachers. They are laboring there for God and the church, and for the souls of men, with the same zeal and devotion that was shown in the pastorate. Let us hold up their hands. Let us build up the school, and make it, under the blessings of God, a mighty power for the uplifting of society and the salvation of men.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,
JOHN B. GREEN,
J. H. PETERS,
WM. NIXON.

No. 16—ON EPISCOPAL FUNDS.

Cash received from the charges.....	\$73 00
Receipt for money forwarded to J. B. Phillips & Co....	4 00
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Less depreciated coin.....	50
Total.....	\$76 50
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	C. W. TARR.

STEWARD'S REPORT.

Received from Chartered Fund.....	\$30 00
Received from various charges.....	84 35
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	\$114 35

Disbursed as follows:

To A. Higbee.....	\$57 20—paid to Dr. B. F. Crary.
To T. Cookson	57 15—paid to Adam Bland.
Total.....	\$114 35

No. 17—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Los Angeles District.

District.....	\$175 00
Los Angeles, Rose St. 100 00	
Pomona and Azusa.. 175 00	
Florence..... 150 00	
Santa Monica 100 00	
San Bernardino..... 150 00	
Santa Ana..... 175 00	
San Diego Circuit... 100 00	
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	\$1,125 00

Visalia District.

District.....	\$350 00
Visalia.....	175 00
Bakersfield.....	200 00
Tehachipi.....	100 00
Plano	100 00
Tulare City.....	100 00
Fresno	100 00
San Benito.....	100 00
Mariposa	200 00
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	\$1,425 00

Santa Barbara District.

District.....	\$225 00
Ventura Circuit..... 150 00	
Goleta..... 125 00	
Santa Maria..... 100 00	
Paso Robles..... 125 00	
Cambria..... 100 00	
Los Alamos..... 125 00	
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	\$950 00

Total.....	\$3,500 00
Los Angeles German Mission	1,200 00
Los Angeles Spanish Mission..... 250 00	
Santa Barbara Mis'n	250 00
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	\$1,700 00
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Grand total..	\$5,200 00

ADAM BLAND, Chairman.

CHARLES SHELLING, Secretary.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within the bounds of the Southern California Conference:

DEAR BRETHREN—Grace be unto you, and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Another year of changes has passed since we last addressed you, and its record is now written. It has been a year of work, of conflict and of victory. God has been merciful to us, and all our ministers of this Conference have been spared to their labor.

But the shadow of a great bereavement has fallen upon us in the death of our beloved Bishop E. O. Haven, who fell in the harness, but who, being dead, yet speaketh. His labors were abundant, his faith strong, his hopes bright and his end peace. We rejoice in the knowledge that “while God buries his workmen he carries on his work.”

Our hearts have, during the year, been greatly encouraged by your faith and the manifest love of God to you. All has not been done that we could desire, but the favor of our Lord has been shown to the churches. Many have been blessed by the labors of His servants, regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit, and sanctified through the truth.

Knowing your labors of love and self-sacrifice for Jesus' sake, our hearts go out to you as children of our common Father, redeemed by the same precious blood, baptized with the same spirit, laboring for the same object, and journeying toward the same home. We recognize in each individual member of the Church one who is bound to us in a common brotherhood by the blood of Christ.

But a faith that worketh by love is one that will manifest itself. “Faith without works is dead.” We must “add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in

the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Let us then, dear brethren, earnestly and conscientiously take up every duty which our profession as Christians and our relations to the Church of our choice enjoins upon us, attending faithfully to all our spiritual interests and heartily co-operating in all her benevolences. Let us hold most sacred our relations to the Church, avoiding all controversies which would tend to interfere with or destroy those close and tender relationships by which we are bound together.

With increased and increasing light, comes additional responsibility. To you belongs the care and financial support of the pastors, who, as faithful laborers among you, watch for your souls as those who must give an account unto God. Treat with especial tenderness those who may be appointed as new pastors over you, and seek to bestow renewed honor on those who may be restored to their former fields. As they may present, during the coming year, to you the missionary, church extension, educational and other interests of the church, so closely connected with her progress and growth, seek to remember your obligations, voluntarily taken when received into membership with us. Do your duty in love of the truth and the fear of God.

Finally, brethren, pray for us. "Now the God of Peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Signed.) J. A. VAN ANDA,
W. NIXON,
J. R. GREGORY.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the minutes of the Sixth Annual Session of the Southern California Conference, held in Santa Barbara, California, Sept. 1st to 4th, 1881.

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.

No. 1.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1881.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP		BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.									
											For Missions.																			
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Tract Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	For Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.					
Los Angeles District.																														
Los Angeles.	48	362	3	2	2	4	1	\$1,399,00	\$1,000,00	2	45	370	\$85,00	\$45,00	\$130,00	1	\$16,00	8 1 60	8 1 0	8 1 00	8 28 00	8 25 00	8 19 00	8 22 00	8 1 00					
Pasadena and San Gabriel.	3	61	2	1	2	2	3,000		180,00	2	19	115	15,00	00	15,00	1 00	6 00	3 00	8 00	6 60	2 00	768,00	3 00	200						
Florence.	3	55			2	1	3,000		500,00	1	10	60	29,08	20,08	29,08	7 70	65	75	65	3 75	1 15		527,65	7 15						
Santa Monica.		7		1	1	1,700		18,00		1	5	21											125,00							
Compton.	14	123	1	1	3	7	1,500	1	700,00	100,00	180,00	1	15	125	60,00	2,00	8,00	14,25	6,30	4,0	1,70	9,00	20,45	1,084,00	6 60	150				
Riverside.	5	42			1	1,200		7,00		1	3	61	13,00	00	7,50	26,50	10,00		1,00	4,36	5,00	659,60	6 60	67						
Orange and Garden Grove.	3	67			2	3,000	1	4,000	3,500	1	19	100	17,25	5,00	22,25	1,00	1,25	50	7,00	2,25		602,00	2 50	40						
San Diego.	2	60		1	9	1	5,000	1	1,500,00	1,500,00	1	10	60	12,00	3,4	15,47		7,25	2,20	1,85	1,85	2,37	1,28,35	10,00	175					
San Diego Circuit (no report).																														
Westminster and Artesia.	12	73	3	1	2	2	2,500		1,000		2	29	90	9,00	9,00	1,50	1,00	50	45	1,00	75	55	1,60	4,37,00						
Santa Ana and Tustin.	4	32			2	1	1,700		1,000		1	8	60	3,00	00	3,00	1 00	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00	2,00	121							
Pomona and Azusa.	3	27		2	3	1	460		40,00		1	8	35	7,00	00	2,00	2,00	50	50	2,00	4,80,00	2 00	4							
San Bernardino.	36				1	500	1	500,00		1	8	50	10,10	00	10,10		1 75	2 75				582,00	75							
San Fernando (no report).																														
German Mission.	7	52	2	4	1	4,000					270,00	530,00	2	14	90	45,00	10,00	55,00	15,00	1,00	1,00	6,00	869,50	5 00	175					
Spanish Mission (no report).													1	15	65	50,00	50,00						150,00		50					
University Chapel.		23			1																									
Total.	104	104	11	10	26	14	16	46,800	4	2,000	4,480,00	1,750,00	1,180,00	1	305	1,295	355,43	\$90,95	\$416,38	\$11,50	\$80,45	\$15,13	\$13,30	\$18,95	\$94,75	\$868,77	191,60	\$9,821,85	54,00	\$1,882,4

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.	11	19	2	1	1	1	1	\$6,000	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				
Santa Barbara.	17	119	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
San Buenaventura.	9	69			1	7	1	2,400	1	4,699,00	1,000,00	1,03,40	300,00	1	12	90	48,80	3 10	51,90	1 50	3 90	1 20	1 20	1 20	2 25	2 50	*275 00			
Ventura Circuit (no report).																														
San Luis Obispo.	15	46		2	13	8	1	2,500	1	1,0,00	150,00	413,00		1	8	80	8 50	8 50	2 10	3 70	1 60	2 60	1 75	2 00	1 55	713 70	5 00			
Goleta.	7	44	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	1	1,0,00	310,00	310,00		1	11	65	12,00	3 00	15,00	3 05	3 00	8 65	3 00	8 65	3 00	580,50	2 40	26		
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande.	3	31			1	3	1	1,000	1	1,500,00	1,500,00	1,500,00	1,500,00	1	7	60	7 15	7 15		1 15							615 75	3 85		
Lompoc.	8	70	1	1	3	2	1	2,000	1	1,0,00	75,00	150,00	270,00	1	17	93	2,00	25,00	5 00	1 25	1 55	6 00	1 50	2 25	632,35	2 00	65			
Paso Robles.	14	63	4	4	3	3	1	1,500						2	14	50	18,80	18,80	1 00	50							460 95	65		
Conejo (no report).																														
Total.	70	453	8	7	20	30	7	16,350	6	3,890,00	678,50	726,40	587,50	9	85	578	149,45	86,10	155,55	8 6,00	823,75	8 5,85	6,65	\$11,00	\$11,30	\$18,150	\$89,217,73	\$19,45	\$302	

VISALIA DISTRICT.

VISALIA DISTRICT.	47	1	1		1	1	1	\$4,600	1	\$1,5,00																	
Visalia.					1	690	1	4,690,00																			
Plano and Porterville.	12		2		1			1	2,000	1	1,0,00																
Bakersfield.	15	1			1			1	2,000	1	1,0,00																
Hanford.	2	34	1		1			1	2,000	1	1,000,00	1,250,00	224,00	1	7	50	6,00	6,00	5 00				6 30	470 6	2 00	6	
Grangeville and Lemore.	35	44	1		12	1	1	600	1	600,00	100,00	600,00	1	11	50	15,05	15,05	15,05					6 05	755 30	2 90	40	
Merced.	4	24						1	1,500					1	6	30	4,00	4,00						552 91	5 00		
Presco.		10																									
Mariposa.																											
Jolon and San Benito.																											
Tule River Reservation.																											
Total.	11	295	4	3	12	6	9,900	5	4,100,00	1,350,00		1,424,00	5	44	255	844,30	\$1 00	\$6 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$87 30	\$6 05	1	\$2,843 07	\$15 90	\$876	

RECAPITULATION.

TOTALS BY DISTRICTS—	Los Angeles District.	104	1,046	11	10	29	14	16	46,800	4,480,50	8,750,00	1,180,00	19,205	1,295	8,75	42	90,95	34,46	38	\$11,50	58,80	45	\$15,15	\$13,30	\$18,95	\$34,55	\$65,77	\$1,01,00	\$9,821,85	\$54,00	\$1,882
Santa Barbara District.	70	453	8	7	29	30	6	16,350	6	3,800,00	6,8,30	725,40	5,87,50	9,50	572	14,15	6,10	155,55	6,00	23,75	5,85	6,05	14,00	11,90	15,15	5,217,73	19,45	302			
Visalia District.	41	236	4	3	12	6	9,900	5	4,100,00	1,350,00		1,424,00	5	44	255	844,30	\$1 00	\$6 00	\$1 00	\$1 00	\$87 30	\$6 05	1	\$2,843 07	\$15 90	\$876					
GRAND TOTAL.	215	1,736	20	20	46	56	29	73,050	15	10,790,00	6,489,00	7,476,40	3,191,50	33,324	3,123	3,549,19	297,05	8348,23	\$18,50	110,20	322,00	\$20,95	\$23,95	\$8,75	\$92,97	191,00	17,882,65	\$89,35	\$2,320,8		

No. 2.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1881.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	PROBATIONERS.						MEMBERS.						PASTORAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMANTS.				
	No. on the Roll at last Conference and received since.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. Removed without Certificate.	No. Dropped, Withdrawn, or Unknown.	No. Deaths.	No. Received into Full Connection.	No. on the Roll at the end of this Year.	No. Received by Certificate	No. Received from Probation.	No. Removed by Certificate.	No. Removed without Certificate.	No. Withdrawn, Expelled, or Unknown.	No. of Deaths.	Pastor's Claim, including Rental Value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Pastor's Receipts, including Rental Value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.		
Los Angeles District.	62	2	1	6	13	48	4*	13	32	4	1	3	360	\$1,350 00	\$1,350 00		\$150 00	\$150 00	\$11 00	\$11 00	\$11 00	\$11 00		
Pasadena and San Gabriel.	8	2	1	2	3	15	2	2	2	1	1	1	60	725 00	725 00		40 00	40 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00		
Florence.					3	5	12	12	3	3	1	1	55	500 00	500 00		25 00	25 00	2 65	2 65	7 15	7 15		
Santa Monica (no report).																								
Compton.	32	2	2	5	9	13	2	9	12	2	1	1	123	\$1,000 00	1,000 00		80 00	80 00	4 00	4 00	6 60	6 60		
Riverside.	5				5	13	5	5	5	1	1	1	62	600 00	600 00		60 00	60 00	5 60	5 60	6 00	6 00		
Orange and Garden Grove.	12		1		9	10	3	19	12	3	1	1	67	† 650 00	550 00	100 00	50 00	50 00	3 50	2 00	2 50	2 50		
San Diego.					20	27	1	4					1	60	\$1,240 00	1,240 00		80 00	80 00	4 35	10 00	10 00	10 00	
San Diego Circuit (no report).																								
Westminster and Artesia.	22					12	4	4	7	1	1	1	72	500 00	456 00	44 00	40 00	40 00	1 00					
Santa Ana and Tustin.	2	3	1		4	4	11	4	3	2	2	2	32	600 00	431 00	169 00	30 00	25 00	1 75	1 75	1 50	2 00		
Pomona and Azusa.					4		1	4	10	1	1	2	27	600 00	458 85	141 15	20 00	20 00	1 00	1 75				
San Bernardino.													36	† 560 00	560 00		40 00	32 00						
San Fernando.																								
German Mission.	18		1		11	7		11					52	1,000 00	847 50	152 50	15 00	15 00	7 00	7 00	5 00	5 00		
Spanish Mission (no report).														150 00	150 00									
University Church.																								
Total.	161	9	5	14	50	118	147	62	116	17	29	10	1,006	\$9,475 00	\$8,868 35	\$806 65	\$650 00	\$797 00	\$15 50	\$42 50	\$16 50	\$53 25		

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.	22			5	17	10	5	2	1	1	119	*\$900 00	\$811 78	\$98 22	\$100 00	*\$275 00								
Santa Barbara.	13	1		2	8	8	5	11	1	1	60	*922 00	922 00	100 00	100 00	\$90 00								
San Buenaventura.																100 00	2 20	2 20	4 05	4 05				
Ventura Circuit (no report).																								
San Luis Obispo.	16	1			2	15	6	2			2	46	696 00	644 65	51 35	60 00	69 00							
Goleta.	3				8	7	4	2	3			44	*557 00	537 00		40 00	40 00	4 10	8 50		2 40			
Santa Maria and Arroyo Grande.	9		1		8	3	7	8	1		51	*660 00	546 00	114 00	60 00	70 25		8 50		3 85		3 00		
Lompoc.	25	1			5	9	9	7	2	1	70	*748 00	551 50	196 50	80 00	\$1 00		3 35						
Paso Robles.	20			1		14	9	5	3	1	4	63	475 00	400 00	25 00	50 00	58 00	3 00	2 95		65			
Cauejo (no report).																								
Total.	114	3		11	35	72	52	35	27	2	3	7	453	\$4,888 00	\$4,412 98	\$475 07	\$600 00	\$783 30	9 30	\$16 00	\$4 05	\$19 45		

VISALIA DISTRICT.

VISALIA DISTRICT.																								
Visalia.																								
Plano and Porterville.																								
Bakersfield.																								
Hanford.																								
Grangeville and Lemore.	35	2			2	35	1	2	2				44	*500 00	419 76	80 24	50 00	50 00	1 10	1 10	2 00	2 00		
Mered.													24	*960 00	712 00	188 00	50 00	40 00	3 30	3 30	2 90	2 90		
Fresno.																								
Mariposa.																								
Jolon and San Benito.																								
Tule River Reservation.																								
Total.	35	2			2	41	8	2	15	7	7	3	158	\$ 3,050 00	\$ 2,118 37	\$ 981 63	\$ 290 00	\$ 611 30	\$ 6 10	\$ 13 40	\$ 12 00	\$ 13 65		

RECAPITULATION.

TOTALS BY DISTRICTS -																								
Los Angeles District.	161	9	5	14	50	118	147	62	116	17	29	10	1,006	\$ 9,475 00	\$ 8,868 35	\$ 606 65	\$ 650 00	\$ 797 00			\$ 42 50	\$ 16 50	\$ 53 25	
Santa Barbara District.	114	3		11	33	72	52	35	27	2	3	7	433	\$ 4,888 00	\$ 4,412 98	\$ 475 07	\$ 500 00	\$ 783 30			16 00	4 05	19 45	
Visalia District.	35	2			2	41	8	2	5	7	7	3	158	\$ 3,050 00	\$ 2,118 37	\$ 981 63	\$ 290 00	\$ 611 30			13 40	12 00	13 65	
GRAND TOTAL	310	14	5	25	85	231	207	99	158	26	39	20	1,617	\$ 15,413 00	\$ 15,399 65	\$ 2,013 35	\$ 1,440 00	\$ 2,191 60	\$ 75 00	\$ 71 90	\$ 32 55	\$ 37 35		

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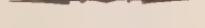
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JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

The Southern California Conference met in its Seventh Annual Session, in San Luis Obispo, California, September 7th, 1882. Bishop J. F. Hurst, D. D., Presiding.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9 A. M.; read the 53d chapter of Isaiah; announced the 798th hymn, and then conducted the Communion Service.

The Conference Roll was called by the former Secretary, and the following members responded to their names:

ADAM BLAND,	WILLIAM NIXON,
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HORACE HOLDRIDGE,	D. A. CROWELL,
CHARLES SHEELING,	J. S. KLINE,
JOHN B. GREEN,	J. R. GREGORY.

Present, 26 members; absent, 14 members.

John B. Green was re-elected Secretary; J. H. Peters, Assistant; J. A. McMillan and W. F. Wenk, Statistical Secretaries.

On motion, nine o'clock was fixed upon as the hour to begin the morning sessions, 12 o'clock to adjourn. Prayer-meeting at 8:30 each morning of the session was announced.

Dr. C. H. Fowler, Missionary Secretary; Dr. B. F. Crary, of the *California Christian Advocate* and Rev. D. A. Crowell, of the Oregon Conference, were introduced.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the Standing Committees.

The following Standing Committees were nominated and elected :

Education—R. W. C. Farnsworth, W. Nixon, F. S. Woodcock, J. B. Callaway, A. M. Hough, M. M. Bovard.

Sunday School Union—J. H. Peters, J. D. Crum.

Church Extension—E. S. Chase, C. H. Lawton, J. A. McMillan.

Bible Cause—A. N. Fields, A. W. Bunker.

Observance of the Sabbath—A. M. Hough, H. J. Shaffner, F. S. Woodcock.

Temperance—T. S. Uren, J. H. White, R. W. C. Farnsworth.

Tract Cause—I. M. Leihy.

Auditing Accounts of the Presiding Elders—E. S. Chase, A. N. Fields, J. R. Gregory.

Pastoral Address—F. S. Woodcock, M. M. Bovard, J. S. Kline.

Missionary Cause—J. H. Peters, H. J. Shaffner, M. F. Colburn.

Post-Offices—J. D. Crum.

Publishing Interests—R. W. C. Farnsworth, C. H. Lawton, J. H. Peters.

Conference Stewards—W. Nixon, T. S. Uren, J. B. Callaway.

Publishing the Minutes—J. B. Green, A. M. Hough, M. M. Bovard.

Collecting Money for Publishing Minutes—J. D. Crum.

Freedmen's Aid Society—J. R. Gregory, A. N. Fields.

Episcopal Fund—H. J. Shaffner.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Communication from Treasurer of Episcopal Fund, announcing assessment on this Conference of \$141 00, was read and referred to Committee on Episcopal Fund.

A draft of \$30 00 was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

Communication from Book Agents regarding Book Concern Dividend of \$55 00 was read, and a draft of that amount, in favor of the Conference Stewards, ordered.

Report on Book Concern was read, and referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.

It was ordered that when the names of the members are called under the Twentieth Question, they shall report amount of Missionary, Church Extension, Conference Claimants and Bishops' Collections, and if all the collections were taken.

Question Twentieth—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"—was taken up. Charles Shelling, Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District, read the report of his work, and his character was passed. Also that of J. B. Green, A. M. Hough, J. H. Bolinger, M. M. Bovard, Wm. Nixon, E. S. Chase, R. W. C. Farnsworth, M. F. Colburn, G. W. Elwood, A. W. Bunker, C. W. Tarr, C. G. Belknap, F. D. Bovard and O. S. Frambes.

C. W. Tarr was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

W. A. Knighten, Presiding Elder of the Santa Barbara District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also that of F. S. Woodcock, A. N. Fields, I. M. Leihy, J. H. Peters, T. S. Uren, H. Holdridge and C. H. Lawton.

Adam Bland, Presiding Elder of the Visalia District, read a report of his work, and his character passed.

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to consider B. A. Washburn's case.

The Bishop named M. M. Bovard, R. W. C. Farnsworth, W. Nixon, E. S. Chase and A. M. Hough said Committee.

The character of the following brethren was passed: J. B. Callaway, H. J. Shaffner and J. W. Leach.

The transfer of D. A. Crowell from the Oregon Conference to this Conference was announced.

Question Three—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up. W. H. Palmer was discontinued at his own request.

Question Thirteen—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?"—was taken up. Oliver S. Frambes was called, his character was passed, and he was continued in the same class. John A. McMillan was called, the Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

Question Eighteen—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was taken up. The character of S. B. Guibersen, J. M. Campbell and John McKelvey was passed, and their relation continued.

P. Y. Cool's character was passed, and he was made effective.

Question Nineteen—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"—was taken up. The names of A. Higbee, Thomas Cookson and J. H. Book were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the same relation.

Fort St. Church, Los Angeles, was selected as the place to hold the next Annual Session of the Conference.

Dr. C. H. Fowler addressed the Conference in behalf of the Missionary Cause.

The time of adjournment was extended.

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the University of Southern California made an Annual Report.

[See Report supplementary to No. 4]

On motion, the Report was referred to the Committee on Education.

Committee of Investigation in the case of B. A. Washburn reported that there was ground for action in the case.

On motion, a Trial Committee of Nine was appointed to try the above case. The following was the Committee : J. B. Callaway, A. W. Bunker, J. H. Peters, M. F. Colburn, F. S. Woodcock, J. D. Crum, G. H. Bolinger, D. A. Crowell and C. H. Lawton.

J. B. Green was appointed Chairman, and T. S. Uren Assistant Secretary of the Conference and Secretary of the Committee.

A. N. Fields was appointed Counsel for the Accused. M. M. Bovard was appointed Counsel for the Church.

The Attorney for the Church in the above case, in conjunction with the original Committee of Inquiry, was instructed to formulate the charge.

On motion, the following Committee was appointed on the State of the Church : A. M. Hough, I. M. Leihy, G. H. Bolinger and E. S. Chase.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Dr. B. F. Crary.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 8.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

A communication from the Oregon Conference, in regard to erecting a monument over the grave of the late Bishop E. O. Haven, was read.

A. M. Hough was appointed Treasurer of the funds raised for the above purpose, and a Committee to act in conjunction with a similar Committee of the Oregon Conference.

A subscription of \$100 was immediately taken.

A. Higbie was appointed a Committee to represent our Conference in the preliminary arrangements for the proposed Methodist State Convention to be held in San Francisco.

The Conference, by motion, accepted the gift of a burial lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Los Angeles, and appointed A. M. Hough a Committee to return our thanks to the donors.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to purchase a Conference Trunk, and provide it with collection boxes and other conveniences for Conference uses.

Report of Committee on Publishing Minutes read and adopted. [See Report No. 5.]

On motion, it was ordered that a collection of \$50 00 be asked from the congregation on Sunday morning.

On motion, it was ordered that the Committee on Publishing Minutes distribute copies thereof to members in proportion to amounts subscribed by them.

Report of Church Extension Committee was read and adopted. [See Report No. 6.]

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved: That we will not perform the marriage ceremony for divorced persons unless the divorce be obtained on Scriptural grounds, and then only for the innocent party.

Resolved: That the Presiding* Bishop be requested to appoint a member of this Conference to prepare a sermon on Ministerial Education for our next session.

Report of Conference Visiting Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. B. F. Crary, editor of the California Christian Advocate, addressed the Conference in the interests of that paper.

On motion, the time was extended.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Hill was requested to receive the various benevolent collections.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved: That we have listened with deep interest to the remarks of Dr. B. F. Crary, and while extending to him a cor-

dial welcome, we congratulate him on his success as an Editor, and will commend to our people more heartily than ever the able California Christian Advocate.

E. S. CHASE,
W. A. KNIGHTEN.

Conference adjourned, on motion. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Hill.

THIRD DAY.

Conference called to order by Bishop Hurst at 9 A.M. Minutes read and approved.

Question Third—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up. J. H. White was called. Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued on trial.

Report of Committee on Tract Cause was read and adopted. [See Report No. 7.]

Question Second—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up. Wm. Schuldt was recommended from the Quarterly Conference of the German M. E. Church, Los Angeles. The Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial. Wilbur F. Wenk was recommended by Cambria Quarterly Conference, the Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial. F. S. Thomas was recommended by Lompoc Quarterly Conference, the Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial. Marcellus L. Whitmore was recommended by Los Alamos Quarterly Conference, the Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial.

The transfer of J. S. Kline from the Kansas Conference was announced.

Martin Miller was recommended by Fresno Quarterly Conference, for re-admission into the traveling connection, on Certificate of Location from California Conference, and he was admitted.

Report of Committee on Episcopal Fund presented. [See Report No. 8.] Adopted.

Report of the Committee on Temperance Cause was presented and adopted. [See Report No. 9.]

Report of the Conference Stewards was presented and adopted. [See Report No. 10.]

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause presented and adopted. [See Report No. 11.]

On motion, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. G. H. Bolinger.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 3 o'clock by Bishop Hurst. Minutes of morning session were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on S. S. Union was presented and adopted. [See Report No. 12.]

Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests read and adopted. [See Report No. 13.]

Question Thirteen—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?"—was taken up. The name of Marcus F. Colburn was called, the Committee on Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was passed to the Second Class.

Question Five—"Who are admitted into Full Connection?" was taken up. James R. Gregory was called, the Examining Committee reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Deacons' Orders, and admitted into Full Connection.

Report of Auditing Committee was presented and adopted. [See Report No. 14.]

The Trial Committee in the case of Rev. B. A. Washburn announced his suspension from the ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church, for one year, for insubordination.

Report of the Committee on Pastoral Address was read and adopted. [See Report No. 15.]

Report of Statistical Secretaries read and adopted. [See Statistical Tables.]

Adjourned, with benediction by Rev. J. D. Crum.

EVENING SESSION.

Conference met at 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. M. Hough in the chair. Minutes of the afternoon session approved.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was presented and adopted. [See Report No. 16.]

The following resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, There are apportionments by some of the authorized Boards of Church Benevolence each year, and

Whereas, It is important that these apportionments should be properly distributed, that all our charges may know what they are expected to contribute; therefore :

Resolved: 1st. That the Presiding Elders be requested to make such a distribution to each charge of these apportionments as shall seem right to them, and that in those Church benevolences where no apportionments have been made, they are hereby requested to make and distribute them.

Resolved: That they be requested to make this distribution before leaving the place of this Conference session, or so soon after as to convey to each Pastor a knowledge of each apportionment to his charge before the close of October next.

C. H. LAWTON,
E. S. CHASE.

The following nominations were made by the Bishop, and confirmed by the Conference :

Board of Church Extension.	[See page 4.]
Triers of Appeals,	[See page 5.]
Committees of Examination.	[See page 5.]
To preach Conference Sermon.	[See page 5.]
To preach Missionary Sermon.	[See page 5.]
To preach on Ministerial Education.	[See page 5.]

Report of Committee on Education was presented, during the discussion of which Bishop Hurst resumed the chair. Report adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the following named persons as Directors of the University of Southern California : Charles Shelling, W. A. Knighten, E. S. Chase, A. M. Hough, R. W. C. Farnsworth, John B. Green, R. M. Widney, S. C. Hubbel, E. F. Spence, C. H. Bradley, P. M. Green.

Committee on State of the Church presented report. Adopted. (See No. 17.)

I. M. Leihy was granted a Supernumerary Relation at his own request.

Report of Committee on Missions presented. (See report No. 18.) Adopted.

Treasurer of Conference Missionary Society reported. (See report No. 19.) Adopted.

E. S. Chase was added to Committee on publishing the Minutes.

On motion, it was ordered that the Secretary edit the Minutes certify to their correctness, and a copy of the published Minutes so certified to, shall be the official Minutes of this Conference.

Conference adjourned. Benediction by E. S. Chase.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10.

Conference called to order at 9:30 p.m. by Bishop Hurst.

The transfer of J. O. Pickles from Kansas Conference to this Conference was announced.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That we have had great pleasure in the acquaintance and friendly counsels of our beloved Bishop John F. Hurst, at this session of our Conference. We will long remember the genial Christian spirit that has pervaded our meetings, and the eloquent words that have fallen from his lips. We will welcome him in future years and pray for God's blessings to attend him in his journeys and labors and dangers ; and that his life may be spared many years to work in the great fields that open up before him.

W.M. A. KNIGHTEN,
ADAM BLAND.

Resolved 1st. That the visit of our Missionary Secretary, Rev. C. H. Fowler, D. D., is highly appreciated, and his stirring address has stimulated us to new earnestness in the cause of Missions. With our thanks for his presence, we submit that the annual visit of one of our Secretaries is quite necessary to the desired progress of this cause.

2d. That we earnestly request the presence of and will most cordially welcome to future sessions of our Conference, representatives of the great connectional interests and benevolent Societies of our Church.

E. S. CHASE,
CHAS. SHELLING,
M. M. BOVARD.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Conference are hereby tendered to the Pastor and people of this Charge ; and to the citizens of the place, for the kind and generous manner in which they have entertained the Conference during this its first session in this city.

A. W. BUNKER,
J. H. PETERS.

The following certificate of ordinations was placed on the minutes :

THIS CERTIFIES that at San Luis Obispo, Cal., on the 10th day of September, 1882, James R. Gregory was, by the undersigned, ordained Deacon ; and that at the same place and on the same day, John A. McMillan was, by the undersigned, assisted by several Elders, ordained Elder.

JOHN F. HURST.

J. H. Peters was granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Conference adjourned.

After a few appropriate remarks by the Bishop, he read the appointments and pronounced the benediction.

JOHN F. HURST, President.

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing Journal and the following Reports contain a correct record of the Proceedings of the Seventh Session of the Southern California Conference, held September 7-10, 1882, in San Luis Obispo, Cal."

JOHN B. GREEN, Sec'y.



QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

Question 1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences ?

Answer. D. A. Crowell, from the Oregon Conference; J. S. Kline from the Kansas Conferences ; J. O. Pickles, from the Kansas Conference.

2. Q. Who are admitted on trial ?
A. William Schuldt, Wilber F. Wenk, F. S. Thomas, Marcellus L. Whitmore.
3. Q. Who remain on trial ?
A. James H. White.
4. Q. Who are discontinued ?
A. William H. Palmer.
5. Q. Who are admitted into full connection ?
A. James R. Gregory.
6. Q. Who are re-admitted ?
A. Martin Miller.
7. Q. Who are received on credentials from other Churches ?
A. None.
8. Q. What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons ?
A. James R. Gregory.
9. Q. What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons ?
A. James R. Gregory.
10. Q. What local preachers have been elected Deacons ?
A. None.
11. Q. What local Preachers have been ordained Deacons ?
A. None
12. Q. Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class ?
A. James R. Gregory.
13. Q. Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class ?
A. Marcus F. Colburn, O. S. Frambes.
14. Q. What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders ?
A. John A. McMillan.
15. Q. What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders ?
A. John A. McMillan.
16. Q. What local Deacons have been elected Elders ?

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- A. None.
17. Q. What local Deacons have been ordained Elders ?
A. None.
18. Q. Who are the supernumerary Preachers ?
A. J. M. Campbell, John McKelvy, S. B. Guiberson, I. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, J. H. Peters.
19. Q. Who are the superannuated Preachers ?
A. A. Higbie, T. Cookson, J. H. Book.
20. Q. Was the character of each Preacher examined ?
A. Yes ; in open Conference.
21. Q. Have any died ?
A. None.
22. Q. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference ?
A. None.
23. Q. Have any withdrawn ?
A. None.
24. Q. Have any been located at their own request ?
A. None.
25. Q. Have any been located ?
A. None.
26. Q. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges ?
A. None.
27. Q. Have any been expelled ?
A. None.
28. Q. Who are selected for triers of appeals ?
A. J. D. Crum, F. S. Woodcock, J. H. Peters, William Nixon, E. S. Chase, T. S. Uren, R. W. C. Farnsworth.
29. Q. What is the statistical report of this Conference year ?
A. See Statistical Report.
30. Q. What are the claims on the Conference fund ?
A. Amount not reported.
31. Q. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied ?
A. See report of Conference Stewards.
32. Q. Where are the Preachers stationed ?
A. See list of appointments.
33. Q. Where shall the next Conference be held ?
A. Los Angeles.

APPOINTMENTS

OF THE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

Los Angeles District—Chas. Shelling, P. E.
(P. O., Los Angeles.)

Artesia and Westminster,	- - - -	J. D. CRUM.
Compton,	- - - -	JOHN B. GREEN.
Florence,	- - - -	P. Y. COOL.
Los Angeles—Asbury:	To be supplied.	
Boyle Heights,	to be supplied by	P. PETERSON.
Fort Street,	- - - -	E. S. CHASE.
German Mission,	- - -	G. H. BOLINGER and WM. SCHULDT.
Mexican Mission,	- - -	To be supplied.
Rose Street,	- - -	To be supplied.
University Church,	- - -	A. M. HOUGH.
Orange and Garden Grove,	- - - -	WM. NIXON.
Pasadena,	- - - -	R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.
Pomona and Cucamonga,	to be supplied by	R. M. KIRKLAND.
Riverside,	- - - -	M. F. COLBURN.
San Bernardino,	- - - -	G. W. ELWOOD.
San Diego,	- - - -	A. W. BUNKER.
San Diego Circuit,	- - - -	D. A. CROWELL.
San Fernando,	-	To be supplied by — ARMSTRONG.
San Gabriel,	- - -	To be supplied by J. FAIRCHILD.
Santa Ana,	- - -	To be supplied by S. H. TOWNE.
Santa Monica,	- - - -	To be supplied.
Wilmington and Willmore,	-	To be supplied by J. D. SMITH.
M. M. BOVARD,	President ; F. D. BOVARD,	Professor, in the University of Southern California, and members of the Uni- versity Quarterly Conference.
O. S. FRAMBES,	Principal of Phoenix High School, Arizona, and member of the San Diego Quarterly Conference.	

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—Wm. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.
 (P. O., San Buena Ventura.)

Cambria Circuit,	-	-	-	-	-	Wm. F. WENK.
Goleta,	-	-	-	-	-	B. F. WHITE.
Lompoc,	-	-	-	-	-	F. S. WOODCOCK.
Los Alamos,	-	-	-	-	-	M. L. WHITMORE.
Paso Robles,	-	-	-	-	-	F. S. THOMAS.
San Buena Ventura,	-	-	-	-	-	A. N. FIELDS.
San Luis Obispo,	-	-	-	-	-	H. J. SHAFFNER.
Santa Barbara,	-	-	-	-	-	T. S. UREN.
Santa Maria Circuit,	-	-	-	-	-	H. HOLDRIDGE.
Ventura Circuit,	-	-	-	-	-	C. H. LAWTON.
Mexican Work,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.

VISALIA DISTRICT—ADAM BLAND, P. E.
 (P. O., Grangeville.)

Bakersfield and Tehachipa,	-	-	-	-	-	J. S. KLINE.
Central Point,	-	-	-	-	-	J. W. LEACH.
Fresno,	-	-	-	-	-	J. O. PICKLES.
Grangeville,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.
Hanford,	-	-	-	-	-	J. B. CALAWAY.
Mariposa and Yosemite,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.
Merced,	-	-	-	-	-	J. R. GREGORY.
Plano and Kernville,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.
Jolon,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.
San Benito,	-	-	-	-	-	To be supplied.
Selma,	-	-	-	-	-	MARTIN MILLER.
Tulare City,	-	-	-	-	-	J. H. WHITE.
Visalia,	-	-	-	-	-	J. A. McMILLAN.

C. G. BELKNAP, Agent Tule River Indian Reservation.

REPORTS.

NO. 1.—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

The Los Angeles District reports progress. The district has been hard at work, and the retrospect of the year shows advance "along all our lines." Continuing, as heretofore, we press toward the mark of Methodist perfection; which, for members of an Annual Conference, may mean: the fulness of sanctifying love in the heart; the fulness of consecrated activities in the life, and the fulness of required funds that responds to the several Boards of the Church, "The collections all taken." Could we so testify and report, after the true spirit and intent of our Book of Discipline, it would be sure guarantee of the best itinerant efficiency; and sure pledge that the best and broadest Christian ideals would become actualities in our membership.

All the collections are not so taken. We may regret, but could not, in every instance, control the causes that have prevented. Our territory is frontier and missionary. Our societies are hardly developed into organic Church forms and life. They are in the feebleness and struggle of beginnings. With some, home demands are imperative, and often challenge and command heroic self-sacrifices on the part of ministers and people. But beyond this, all that can be spared for "the collections" is cheerfully and loyally given. It should be remembered, therefore, that our answering contributions to the missionary and other benevolent funds come out of these new conditions; and not out of the perfected organizations and matured abilities of older Churches. As we are, however, the sterling fidelity of the preachers will be seen, through the statistical returns, in a very close approximation to the amounts asked of the district for our Methodist Evangelism.

Our church property is virtually out of debt. The last incumbrance worthy of mention was at San Diego. But that, through the persistent energy of the Pastor, has been paid, very greatly to the surprise and joy of all who knew the circumstances.

On the Pasadena and San Gabriel charge, a convenient parsonage has been built at San Gabriel, and paid for. And, in anticipation of enlargement and division into two charges, one thousand dollars is already subscribed toward the erection of a parsonage at Pasadena.

The new church at Artesia has been finished and furnished. The remainder of cost, over the subscription, was met in Quarterly Conference on the day before the dedication. A small house has also been built on the church lot for the occupancy of the pastor. It is habitable now, and may some day be enlarged into a commodious parsonage.

At Garden Grove the church is undergoing repairs and improvements that will beautify and make it more pleasant for the excellent and growing congregation who stately worship there.

One year ago our people at Orange were jubilant over the payment of a church debt that had long and seriously hindered their growth. But, not many months after, a wind-storm blew the church from its foundations and careened it half over; strained and bulged and shattered it, like a stranded wreck. The people thought they had done their utmost in payment of the debt. Now they were utterly discouraged. But, under the leadership of their indefatigable pastor, and with the aid of a second donation from the Church Extension funds, the building has been righted and set upon a good foundation. The church has

been so enlarged and improved in external appearance and internal convenience that those who know the change for the better will be likely to think that the storm that broke and ruined was after all the best wind for Methodism that ever blew in Orange.

At Riverside, shortly after the last Conference, the congregations were too large for the seating capacity of our chapel there. It was decided to build a new church. And an edifice has been erected that fully meets the demand. The structure is commodious, with seating capacity for about four hundred. The architecture is Gothic, and the style is strictly carried out in the interior and the exterior; inside, from vestibule to pulpit recess, from pew ends to window arch and ceiling of audience room; and outside, from sill and porch and doors, to the top of the spire that rises, in well-proportioned grace, above the tower on the corner. By addition of a small porch in front and rooms for infant class and library in the rear, the chapel is utilized for Sunday School and social purposes. And so, altogether, we have, in buildings, a church establishment at Riverside, that will be monumental of the energy and success of the pastor; a generous expression of the good taste of the people, and an honor to the denomination; gratifying to the Church sentiment of every resident or visiting Methodist. The bell, soon to swing in the belfry, will ring all this, and more, through the coming years. The cost of nearly seven thousand dollars is promptly paid.

In Los Angeles, the Fort street church, following close on the payment of the heavy debt last year, have purchased a valuable parsonage property, the present residence of the pastor. They are improving their church edifice by the building of a handsome end gallery, to meet the want of the growing congregation. They have in process of building a large and costly pipe-organ to help in the service of song. And they are having the auditorium so decorated and beautified as to become the fitting sanctuary of what, in fact, is one of the largest and most influential Methodist congregations in the State.

The Rose Street Mission Sunday School, and Sunday Evening Congregation, are growing under the fostering care of the Fort Street Church. Under the leadership of the pastor of Fort street, and some of his people, we have a new church nearly ready for dedication at East Los Angeles.

The building is erected after one of the best designs furnished by the Board of Church Extension. The enterprise is a marvel in its inception and successful prosecution. A Christian gentleman, of another denomination, wishing to express gratitude for business success, and to see a church in that part of the city, offered the ground and other financial aid, if we would undertake the work, saying, as reason for his offer, that his own people were too slow, but if the Methodists took the enterprise in hand, it would be pushed with vigor and success. The offer was accepted. The co-operation of a wealthy layman from Iowa was secured. Others have generously helped, and we have, as the result, a church edifice, that is an architectural gem—as good as the best in style and fitness for use; a glorious fact for God and Methodism in that flourishing section of the city. It is understood that, with the aid of a five hundred dollar donation from the Board of Church Extension, the payment of the entire cost of about six thousand dollars is assured, in advance of the dedication.

The German work is prosperous. The church in Los Angeles is making healthful growth. There is a debt of two hundred dollars on the church, that is allowed to remain without interest, but which could be raised at any time when called for. An eligible lot for a parsonage has been purchased and paid for. The Sunday School and congregation are steadily enlarging. The pastor has secured the services of an assistant, who comes from one of our German Seminaries in the East, and is recommended for admission into the Traveling Connection at this Conference. He has been preaching regularly at Anaheim and Santa Ana during the year. The question of still another German preacher is under advisement, and may possibly be asked for in the near future. Every interest of Church work and finance is attended to with the promptness and fidelity that are characteristic of our German brother.

Our Mexican missionary has been doing what he could among the Spanish speaking people of the district. This work, that seemed so clearly providential, has suffered from want of the sympathy and oversight which its import-

ance and promise demanded. Two years ago it seemed as though "the time of visitation" to our Mexican population had fully come. Many of them received the Word with gladness, and united with the Church. Our missionary is simply a layman, without ministerial training or standing. We appealed for competent missionary help, and the necessary appropriation, but we have not received them. Our brother has gone forth into the rural neighborhoods, where his people live, and won some success. He reports:

Classes Organized, with Lists of Names—In Los Angeles, 37, with 15 converts not yet united with the Church, making a total of 52. In Los Nietos, 34 members. In Anaheim, 25. In Azusa, 10. At El Puente, 5. Making a total of 126 persons under his pastoral oversight. He has distributed 122 Bibles and Testaments, besides tracts and papers that Bro. Butler, of the City of Mexico, kindly sends through my address. What shall be done with this condition of things? Can we have the facilities for pushing it forward? Or shall we leave it to others, who, within the past few months, have sent an educated missionary to labor among the Mexicans of Los Angeles and vicinity?

The University of Southern California is rapidly advancing in the essential elements of usefulness and permanent power for good. Its financial basis and status are beyond contingency. Its property values are: Unsold lots, \$50,100; Endowment fund, drawing interest at 8 per cent., \$20,236 68; Hodge Hall and furniture, \$5,600; Campus, buildings and furnishing, \$22,000—making a total of \$97,936 60 as the present assets.

One hundred and two students have been in attendance during the year, nearly double the number of the year previous. And the Faculty have assurance that the attendance will be largely increased at the beginning of the next term.

We congratulate our Brothers Bovard on these results of their two years' Conference Educational work. We are assured that the Institution has already and assuredly won the confidence and attachment of our ministers and people. It is fast becoming the center of attraction for Methodist families and homes. And the future of the University proper, and the University Church, open possibilities for good that challenge and will command the sympathies and co-operation of our ministers and people so long as Conference and Church shall exist on the Pacific coast.

So much of mention has seemed to be specific and necessary. Not, however, with intentional exclusion of other brethren or charges within the district. I believe that every name on the list represents a true and faithful Methodist preacher, which is saying all that can or need be said in favor of any man this side of heaven. They have wrought wisely and well. The Churches they have served are better and stronger than they were a year ago. We need more such men to organize and build up more such Churches in the rapidly multiplying settlements of the district. We need, for a few years, increased missionary appropriations to help spread Scriptural holiness, until our District and Conference shall become strong, and good as the best in all the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SHELLING, P. E.

San Luis Obispo, Sept. 7th, 1882.

NO. 2.—SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

The Santa Barbara District has passed the most prosperous year of its history. The Pastors all went to their appointments, and have been blessed with health, and zeal, and courage to meet nearly every engagement of the year. They have had difficulties and trials to encounter, but they have had faith and grace to overcome. They have all been called upon to make some sacrifices, but they have cheerfully borne the cross, "as seeing him who is invisible."

Bro. J. H. Peters has been afflicted in his family. His wife was very seriously ill during the last six months, and had to be removed to a milder climate, leaving him alone to labor.

There has been general prosperity in the Churches. The temporal work has moved along, keeping pace with the rapid growth and development of the country. Debts have been paid, salaries advanced and raised; improvements made on churches and parsonages, and uniform progress in the work of the Church.

The whole country has improved. Land has advanced in value, towns have grown up, new settlements formed, and people have come within our bounds. There are only two exceptions to this rule. Many of our members have removed from the Paso Robles circuit to new fields, and a large number of our members have removed from San Buena Ventura to the University near Los Angeles. These charges have suffered serious spiritual and financial loss. Thirty members have removed from Santa Barbara station. The Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo railroad has extended to Central City, and the grading is completed to Los Alamos. This gives over eighty miles of railroad transportation through the fertile plains and vallies of the district. The survey is to be continued to Santa Barbara and thence through Ventura, and the Santa Clara Valley, to Los Angeles and San Diego. Along this line, new and fertile lands are coming into market, and, with its mild and lovely climate, opens up a grand field for the moral and religious elements that are already flocking to our western shores. Free from all malarial diseases, and a mild and sunny atmosphere for consumptives, and scarcely ever invaded by dangerous contagions, it is an inviting sani-tarium for the afflicted of all the land.

Two new charges were formed at the last Annual Conference. The Cambria and Los Alamos circuits. The Los Alamos circuit has the town of that name for its centre, and Ballard's station and the Santa Rita Valley and College Ranch as its outposts. The town is located in the Los Alamos Valley. It is surrounded by a thriving settlement. The general belief is that, in a short time a new and flourishing county will be formed by clipping from the north of Santa Barbara and the south of San Luis Obispo counties. If so this will be the county seat. Bro. M. L. Whitmore, a local Preacher, took this work as a supply, late last fall. He organized the work, purchased a lot in the centre of the town, circulated a subscription, and built a neat little parsonage. The property is now worth about \$450.00 with a small amount of debt upon it. Eighteen have been received on probation this year. Total membership 37. The work is well begun, and promises to be one of our best fields. The people are in sympathy with us, and no doubt a Church will be built next year.

Cambria circuit is west of San Luis Obispo, extending north and south along the coast. It embraces the towns of Moro, Cayucos, and Cambria. They are shipping points, and trading centres for an extensive stock, dairy, and farming country in the interior. There are several lovely valleys, thickly settled. Bro. W. F. Wenck was appointed to this circuit as a supply. He procured an old fashioned pair of saddle-bags and horse, and proceeded to the work. The people received him cordially, and he has preached to excellent and growing congregations. There are twenty-five members—five united on probation this year. The work is increasing in interest. One man proposes to give 3,000 feet of lumber and two lots, for a Church at Moro. It will, no doubt, be built next year.

Special improvements have been made at San Luis Obispo, and Santa Barbara on the parsonages—making them both neat and comfortable homes. A subscription has been circulated for the purpose of building a Church at Santa Paula on the Ventura circuit, and \$1250.00 procured. They ask \$500 and get \$250 from the Church Extension Board; they hope the building will be worth \$2500.00. Mrs. Bradley and N. W. Blanchard have donated two lots in the central part of the town. Ventura has paid its regular instalment of the Church Extension debt and interest for this year. Lompoc has also met its obligations with that Board and made improvements on the parsonage. These are the only Church buildings for which there is any debt, in this district. Several of the Churches have received loans and donations from the Church Extension Society, and have always met their obligations promptly. They owe a little over \$400.

The benevolent collections have been more generally taken, and larger this year than ever before.

The Spanish Mission of this district was connected more particularly with the Santa Barbara charge. Juan B. Martinez was appointed its missionary with an appropriation of \$250. He began the work with great zeal, preaching on the

streets, and visiting from house to house. The Priests became aroused and opposed the work with persistent and malignant fury. They have great power over their wandering ones, and alarmed many who were on the way to Protestantism, back to the fold. Some have left the Catholic Church, but are not decided Protestants or Methodists. We held a service at the house of a Mexican, Juan Vasquez, at his request. Taking Bro. T. S. Uren, and the Spanish missionary with us, we explained the Discipline, and the subjects of baptism, conversion, and duties of church membership to him and some of his neighbors, through the interpreter. Mr. Vasquez and wife and two grown children, and a neighbor and wife, united with the church on probation. We then baptised six Mexican children.

These people seemed to comprehend the serious importance of the step they had taken, and expressed determination to press onward. They are ignorant—cannot read. Mr. Vasquez expressed himself freely and positively against Romanism and its corruptions, and in favor of the M. E. Church. This is, in reality, the result of the year's work, as far as we can see. It is the nucleus for our work among the Mexicans here. There has been one very grave difficulty, which we could not obviate. The missionary exerted his influence with his people during the year, in an especial manner, in favor of the "Band," rather than in favor of the Church, and a few of them would attend there, and none of them the regular services of our Church. We insisted that they should come to our social and public meetings, but he could not induce them to. Various excuses were made. "They were too poorly clad," or "afraid," or "had no way to come." This is about the condition of the Spanish mission of this district now. The Mexican people are oppressed by the Roman priest here, as much as in Mexico, or Spain, or South America. They feel it keenly, and are heard to complain all the year round.

They only need the right kind of men to lead them. We need a prudent, intelligent Methodist missionary who can speak the Spanish language, and teach and preach in their own tongue. One who will do the work for God and the Methodist Church, in the Methodist way. The Missionary Board can, no doubt, provide such a man. This work is certainly worthy their most profound consideration. Chinese, Germans, Freedmen, and Indians, can need the attention of this Board no more. This is the time. The appropriation should be increased, and a vigorous and powerful effort made to maintain this important work. If we lose what has been done, the loss will be difficult to regain.

In comparing our work with that of other denominations in this district we find these important particulars or facts: The Episcopal Church has two buildings and two Pastors. The Presbyterians have five Churches and four Pastors. The Baptists have two Churches and two Pastors. The South Methodists have three Churches and six appointments. The Campbellites have no church building and two Ministers. We have seven Churches, ten Pastors, and one Missionary, and 29 appointments, with partial subscriptions for two more Churches. There will be three new and flourishing appointments added to the list within the next two years. We feel grateful to the Missionary Board for the aid they have rendered our young Conference, and have tried to procure large collections. We think the special efforts suggested by the Board, ought to be carried out more generally, as Sunday School concerts, Missionary prayer meetings, and Missionary Conference meetings and subscriptions. It is certainly the grand work of our Methodism. God is aiding us in a most wonderful manner in the work of collecting and disbursing these funds, and in the establishment and extension and growth of the M. E. Church.

The brethren have taken special pains to introduce the C. C. Advocate to their people. It has reached a circulation of over one hundred and twenty in this small district. We regard it as the greatest and best friend to the pastors and people on this coast. It ought to be supported better. The University has been remembered by the pastors; the people are becoming interested in its success, and several of our families send their children to it. We must look upon it as our own greatest enterprise in Southern California. This is an age of education. The Church cannot afford to be behind. We should feel the responsibility. The success of the one ought to insure the success of the other. Many lots have been sold to brethren here, and they have sacrificed greatly to assist it. Many of our own young folks are preparing to attend it. We feel that its influ-

ence is increasing in the district, and hope its power may continue to increase till all our people shall do valiant work for God in the religious training and higher education of their children.

The spiritual condition of the Churches is generally very good. Special meetings were held at Santa Maria, Los Alamos, Lompoc and Ventura circuit. Two camp-meetings have been held. One at Lompoc, a union with the Los Alamos circuit, at the fourth Q. M. It was well attended and a great success. One at Goleta, the District camp-meeting. It only continued over one Sabbath. The interest increased to the close. Great good was accomplished. This is one of the centers of power in our district.

These meetings are becoming more general every year, and they exert a powerful influence for good over the Churches and communities where they are held. The Love Feasts and Communion Services have been largely attended and deeply spiritual. At most of the appointments the Social Meetings have been well sustained and very interesting. The Churches are all working in perfect harmony. There is every indication of general and steady growth.

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We all feel the need of greater out-pourings of the Holy Ghost upon us. There is a higher measure of experience for pastors and people, and with that experience comes the Divine Power, that brings into souls and churches all the elements of spiritual and temporal success. With these facts, and statements of the condition of the work on this district, we feel deeply humbled before God and this Conference. We might have done more! We ought to have done more! Time is short, and eternity is coming soon, with its "great white Throne" and the Judgment. Let us pray for each other and the great work of God. Let us form new resolves and high determinations, and go forth "sowing the precious seed" and, though "weeping," wait for the "harvest shout," and the coming home of all God's triumphant host.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.

Santa Barbara District.

NO 3.—VISALIA DISTRICT.

We can report now a population within the bounds of the district of about 40,000, and children between the ages of five and seventeen, 12,000.

The valley is settling up rapidly, and is capable of a great population.

The preachers were, with one exception, at their work seasonably, and have nobly prosecuted it. They and their families generally have had good health. Bro. Kline and family at Bakersfield have suffered considerably with fever. Bro. McMillan and wife have been greatly afflicted by the death of their little daughter, and Bro. Spurlock has had severe sickness in his family.

We have added one to the number of our Churches, giving us seven on the district.

Two of the parsonages have been improved. We have five good ones, and one not so good.

We have more than doubled the number of our Sunday Schools,

I think we have made a good advance in our benevolent collections, and yet there is room to improve.

We all endeavor to look well to Class Meetings, and still we are deficient in this means of grace.

I am not able to report the increase of the membership. We have had some revival at several points.

At Bakersfield we have done well this year, under J. S. Kline (transferred from South Kansas Conference). Kernville and Tehachipa charge has been pretty well prospected, and somewhat developed by Bro. F. Howland this year. It is quite an important work.

The faithful labors of Bro. J. A. McMillan have placed Plano and Porterville charge in a much improved state. Visalia is in a worse condition than ever, if possible; still I think we can bring it up, and make a good charge of it. Tulare City has been well cared for by Bro. J. H. White. This was a new work, where we had nothing; now we have a good church finished and furnished, organ and choir, a large congregation, a good Sunday School, and quite a mem-

bership. Only a small debt remains on the property, and I believe that is all provided for.

At Hanford, Bro. H. J. Shaffner has worked hard and done well, having had some revival, and has a much improved Sunday School.

At Grangeville, Bro. J. B. Callaway has paid the parsonage debt and had some revival, but the church is yet unfinished. We have organized a society of thirty members, and a good Sunday School, at Fresno City, Martin Miller, pastor. The Society worships in a conveniently arranged room in the public school house. A good lot has been secured, and we expect a church will be built there-on next year.

Several other Societies and Sabbath Schools have been organized in the county, and are combined in the new work called Selma.

Dr. Gregory has had a hard year's work at Merced, and has succeeded in advancing our interests there somewhat, though the charge has not been a very, promising one. Mariposa charge has been a rather migratory one. Bro. J. W. Leach now has the most of it arranged in Merced county, where he has, we think been doing a good work.

San Benito, by the untiring labors of Bro. W. A. Spurlock, has been developed into an important charge, and should have two ministers.

Jolon is still an unexplored field.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM BLAND, P. E.

NO. 4.—COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We have considered such papers as have been referred to us by the Conference, and have gathered such information from other sources as was within our reach, and present to the Conference the following facts in regard to the University of Southern California.

We are greatly surprised at the financial exhibit from the Trustees of the Endowment Fund; from which it appears that the University grounds, buildings and furniture, the boarding-hall and furniture, and the interest-bearing endowment fund, all of which are now available and in use, amount in value to \$47,856 68, with 167 unsold lots, valued at \$50,100, and that these lots are in good demand, and may be disposed of in a comparatively short time, thus aggregating a total amount of assets of \$97,936 68.

Commencing with nothing, this shows a result of three years' labors which has very few, if any, parallels in the history of educational institutions. The interest on the invested endowment fund will amount to about \$1600, and will very materially assist in carrying on the University. Most of this will not be due, however, till October, 1883, hence will not be available during this Conference year.

Let no one suppose that this will so meet the financial want that educational collections and other efforts will not be necessary.

The demands of the University for teachers' salaries and other expenses is constantly in advance of the income, so that the demand for money is as great as ever.

The Educational department of the University is under the care of the President, M. M. Bovard, and his brother, Prof. F. D. Bovard, and their labors have in all respects met the hearty approval of the Board of Directors and, we think, of all interested parties.

Prof. F. D. Bovard has charge of Hodge Hall, which will this year be reserved for the young ladies exclusively, so that parents may feel perfectly safe in placing their daughters under the charge and in the family of Prof. Bovard. Young men will be accommodated in private families, or they may room elsewhere and board in the Hall.

We would call the attention of the Board of Directors to the fact that it is not intended to make that office a sinecure. There is now in the hands of this Board property to the amount of over \$22,000 in the form of buildings, furniture, musical instruments, library, cabinet, etc., etc., besides the entire control of the Educational department of the University. Men who consent to go on this Board should expect to give such time and labor as is necessary to master the problem, and so be able to contribute something of thought and labor to the work of the Institution.

In order to secure a more permanent term of office in the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California, we recommend that from the Board that shall be elected at this Conference, the office of the first three, taken in alphabetical order, shall expire, and their places be filled, in 1883. The office of the next four shall expire in 1884, and the office of the next four shall expire in 1885, and this shall be the order of all future elections of this Board, so that the Directors shall hold office for three years each.

We recommend the following persons as a Board of Directors:

MINISTERS—C. Shelling, W. A. Knighten, E. S. Chase, A. M. Hough, R. W. C. Farnsworth, John B. Green.

LAYMEN—R. M. Widney, E. F. Spence, C. H. Bradley, S. C. Hubbel, P. M. Green.

We also present the following resolutions:

RESOLVED—1st. That a Visiting Committee of five members of the Conference be elected.

2d. That the name standing first on the list shall be considered Chairman of the Committee. In order that the work of this Visiting Committee to the University may have the greatest efficiency possible, we recommend that the Conference give the following instructions for their guidance: They shall, if practicable, visit the University once each term, and at least on the Anniversary occasions; seek an intimate acquaintance with the educational, disciplinary, financial and religious workings of the Institution; attend such meetings of the Board of Directors as shall be held at Commencement time; observe and study all the educational interests of the Conference as related to the success of the University; and make the following Annual Reports:—A. To the Students, Faculty and assembled friends, at such convenient and appropriate time as can be arranged with the President. B. To the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting at the University. C. To the Christian Advocate, published at New York, and the California Christian Advocate. D. To the Conference,

3d. If any member of the Committee finds it impracticable for him to serve, he shall at once notify the Chairman, whose duty it shall be to supply his place by the appointment of another member of the Conference, who shall hold office until the next election.

4th. We recommend that every preacher in charge hold an educational meeting sometime during the year in each church under his care, and that the Presiding Elders, Faculty, Directors, Trustees and Visiting Committee be urged to render all the assistance they can in such meetings; that the educational collections be taken at that time; that all such collections be applied to the support of the University of Southern California, and be at once forwarded to the Faculty.

5th. We recommend that the Conference offer two prizes to the students of good deportment who shall attain the highest standing in the studies of the year; that an effort be made to raise \$25 00—\$15 00 for 1st prize and \$10 00 for 2d prize; and that the Chairman of the Visiting Committee be authorized to solicit that amount from the members of the Conference and others.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,
WM. NIXON,
F. S. WOODCOCK,
J. B. CALLAWAY,
A. M. HOUGH,
M. M. BOVARD.

SUPPLEMENT TO EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

TO THE M. E. CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the University submit for your consideration the following as their Third Annual Report.

At the last Conference an offer was made by the Trustees, that if the ministers at Conference would purchase twenty lots at \$300 each, on the instalment plan, the Trustees would sell twenty more. Under this offer fourteen of the ministers purchased twenty lots, since which time the Trustees have sold forty-nine lots, sixty-nine in all; also seven and a half acres of the land.

At the last Conference the interest-bearing endowment was \$2,870. The same Fund has been raised by the sale of lots during this year to \$20,236 68. This Fund is secured by the property sold; the title remaining in the Trustees until the money is all paid. The contracts are so drawn that they are of the same obligation on the purchaser as a note and mortgage, the persons signing as purchasers obligating themselves legally to pay the purchase price.

The general financial statement of assets is as followg :

ASSETS.

Sept, 2, 1882—Interest-bearing contracts from sale of lands.....	\$177,73 76
Loan and cash.....	1,803 06
Cash.....	695 86
One hundred and sixty-seven unsold lots at \$300.....	50,100 00
Hodge Hall and furniture	5,600 00
Campus, buildings and furnishing.....	22,000 00
 Total.....	 \$97,936 68

LIABILITIES—NONE.

The above does not include interest due in October on land sales.

In view of the fact that the rate of interest has declined during the last year, we have reduced the rate of interest on all contracts for sale of lands, from ten per cent. to eight per cent., to take effect October 2d, 1882. This applies to such contracts as now bear ten per cent. interest.

The value of lots having increased, and the demand being so active, we deem it best to allow no reduction after the close of this Conference to ministers on their own purchases. Those wishing the benefit of such a reduction should purchase at once.

During the year a number of new residences have been erected on the University grounds, and a number more are contemplated.

The ensuing year should be one of great success, and with a proper working force the most desirable results may be attained. The Institution to-day stands before the public, commanding the confidence of the business community. Every precaution should be taken to preserve this condition of things, as it is fraught with great moment to the future welfare of the work.

A. M. HOUGH,
J. P. WIDNEY,
E. F. SPENCE,
M. M. BOVARD,
G. D. COMPTON,
R. M. WIDNEY.

Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the
University of Southern California.

NO. 5—ON PUBLISHING MINUTES OF 1881.

Cost of printing 1000 copies.....	\$165 75
Postage.....	9 75

Received from Conference subscription.....	\$175 50
" " Advertisements	820 50
" " Sale of Minutes.....	107 50
	33 00

Balance.....	\$ 14 50

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GREEN,
F. D. BOVARD,
E. S. CHASE.

NO. 6.—CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

We hail with profound gratitude the work of the Church Extension Society. We recognize its importance as second only to the General Missionary Society. While convinced that the importance of our particular field requires much more liberal donations, for conscience sake we will strive to double our diligence both in instructing our people in the merits of the cause and also in obtaining funds for the same.

E. S. CHASE,
C. H. LAWTON,
JOHN A. McMILLAN.

NO. 7.—COMMITTEE ON TRACT CAUSE.

Received from various charges.....\$27 75 *
For which receipts are properly filed.

I. M. LEIHY.

NO. 8.—ON EPISCOPAL FUND.

Cash received from various charges \$105 25
For which proper voucher is filed.

H. J. SHAFFNER.

NO. 9.—ON TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

We, your Committee, in view of the effort now being put forth by God's people for the development of the principle of temperance in the life of every individual in these United States; and in view of the success Prohibition has gained in the States of Maine, Kansas and Iowa; do recommend that the members of this Conference shall by all suitable means give God and the people no rest until Prohibition is not only entered upon our statute books, but also becomes a living law in this State.

And to this end, we urge all the members of this Conference not only to preach on the subject of temperance, but to use all diligence in carrying on the great temperance reform which God and the people demand in these perilous times.

T. S. UREN,
J. H. WHITE,
R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.

NO. 10.—CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

Received from Collections	\$118 50
" " Dividend from Book Concern.....	55 00
" " Chartered Fund.....	30 00

Total	\$203 50
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Recommended that A. Higbie be allowed.....\$153 50 [Paid to...J. B. Hill.]
" " Thos. Cookson be allowed. 50 00 [Paid to J. R. Gregory.]

Total.....	\$203 50
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[Signed.]

W. NIXON,
J. B. CALLAWAY,
T. S. UREN.

NO. 11.—ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible is the Word of God; a revelation of the will of God to man. Its dissemination holds a vital relation to our national liberties, the progress of the Church and the salvation of the world; therefore:

RESOLVED, 1.—That we hail with delight the Bible-reading spirit of the age; and we earnestly recommend that a copy of the Holy Scriptures be placed in every family in the bounds of our charges.

2.—That we will welcome the Agent of the American Bible Society to our pulpits and fields of labor, and will render him all assistance practicable to forward this important work.

A. N. FIELDS,
A. W. BUNKER.

NO. 12.—SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Your Committee believe that the number of persons who forsake a course of vice, and accept one of virtue, after the age of twenty-one years is far too small to give hope of a general reformation; and that this world must be brought to Christ through intellectual, moral and religious action on the young; and, considering the fact that many homes are destitute of religious training, we offer the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, 1.—That we diligently and constantly labor to bring into the Sunday School all the children, for systematic and thorough study of the word of God.

2.—That, as we have serious apprehensions of the results of the practice of many of the Sunday School scholars of absenting themselves from public service, we shall labor to effect a reformation.

J. H. PETERS,
J. D. CRUM.

NO. 13.—COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

We believe in all the publishing enterprises of our Church, in their great power for good; and that we and our people should loyally support them. It is to be greatly regretted that there are any families among our members who do not take one or more of our Church periodicals, especially our own home paper. There should be no rest until the California Christian Advocate is introduced into the homes of all our members. The preachers need it; the people need it; our work generally needs it. It is a necessity for the best success of our work in this Conference. It is a pure, strong and edifying paper. We are always glad to see its editor among us. We promise him our best support. We learn with pleasure from the agent that the paper will be given from October 1st to Jan. 1st for the year 1883. This offer is a liberal one, and enables us to commence the canvass immediately. We will do it to the best of our ability, or get others to do it for us. It is very desirable that the Church news of our Conference be more fully published in the paper. The editor wants the items, but he cannot get them himself. They must be sent to him. The preachers have the chief responsibility in this matter. In order to bring this department of our work to its highest utility, it is suggested that each preacher report briefly and humbly to the Advocate all items of news of interest from his charge. It is recommended that there be a special correspondent on each district, whose duty it shall be to gather from all possible sources the news items from the district, not otherwise reported; and send them to Dr. Crary; and that each brother be requested to send the items to his district correspondent if he does not send them direct to the paper. It is also recommended that the Presiding Elders either do this work themselves or get others to do it, for their districts.

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,
C. H. LAWTON,
J. H. WHITE.

NO. 14.—AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Auditing the Presiding Elders' accounts have carefully examined said accounts, and have found them to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. CHASE,
J. R. GREGORY,
A. N. FIELDS.

NO. 15.—COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL ADDRESS.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE M. E. CHURCH OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We have great reason to be supremely thankful to God for his great goodness to us, as his people, during the past Conference year. We are satisfied the spirituality of the Church has largely increased. God has, in a measure, poured upon us the spirit of knowledge and holiness, and we are attaining to a clearer view of him, his word, and a consequent richer experience of the deep things of God. This is evidently manifest in a fuller consecration of self and substance to God and his cause. An increased religious activity and benevolence have characterized you, resulting in a large increase of membership, and a more adequate support of the Church and all her benevolent institutions and enterprises. This spirit of consecration, this manifestation of spiritual life, should rapidly increase and abound more and more. We would advise a more thorough study of God's word, and a fuller conformity of life to its teachings; an enlarged spirit of personal piety; a stricter maintenance of domestic worship; a more faithful attendance upon all the public means of grace, and a greater carefulness in all the outward life. As a means of spiritual life and growth, an acquaintance with our Church literature is highly essential. A knowledge of the work of the Church, her mighty struggles throughout the world for truth, righteousness and the universal reign of Christ in the earth, are well-calculated to quicken the life, devotion, zeal and activity of the Christian. Our great Church organs, therefore, should be read by all our people. The California Christian Advocate should be in every family, and thoroughly read by all. All should furnish and acquaint themselves with all other of our Church publications. No family or member should be without these means of religious education and development. And, by all means, brethren, exclude from your reading and houses all infidel and corrupt literature, and, as you value your souls, your families and friends, have none but what is calculated to enlighten, purify and bless.

We also earnestly desire that you thoroughly inform yourselves in regard to all the great benevolent enterprises. These are designed to save men, convert the world, and, in all things, enrich the race. "Give, and it shall be given unto you—good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal, it shall be measured to you again."

We would not have you forget our institutions of learning, those great sources of intellectual, moral and religious light. Especially would we commend to your affections and fostering care our Southern California University. Give it your children, and generous donations of money, property and prayers. You have a grand opportunity of building up in your very midst one of the grandest institutions of learning on this or any continent. But, measure up to your opportunity and duty in this regard, and it will be done.

Lastly, brethren, we would remind you of the great moral issues of the day; the determined and desperate effort of the enemies of our God and his Christ, of the Church and humanity, to break down our Sabbath laws and Christian institutions, to fasten upon us the universal and eternal dominion of rum, wickedness, vice, crime, and to blast and ruin God's fair heritage and ours. In this warfare you cannot be neutral. You must come up to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty; must do this, or perish with all God's enemies. Arm yourselves, therefore, with all the armor of God, and do battle for him and his cause. With him, then, you shall conquer, wear the victor's crown, and reign.

In order to do all your work and warfare, seek to be filled with the Holy Ghost, that you may be sanctified wholly; filled with knowledge, wisdom, and endued with power from on high.

And now, brethren, "the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace!"

F. S. WOODCOCK,
M. M. BOVARD,
J. B. CALLAWAY. } Committee.

NO. 16.—ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The observance of the Sabbath as a holy day, is a duty plainly and strictly enjoined upon us in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. On this day we should abstain from all secular work and from seeking our own pleasure.

As an organized and powerful effort is being made to abolish our Sabbath laws, and do away with the proper observance of the Lord's Holy Day, and rob us of its priceless blessings, we should in every possible way resist this effort, and preserve this sacred institution.

F. S. WOODCOCK,
H. J. SHAFFNER.

NO. 17.—COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee is impressed with the vastness of the field we occupy, being three or four hundred miles in length, reaching from San Diego to Yosemite Valley, and taking in the breadth of the State, from the mountains and desert on the East to the ocean on the west and south. The population of this great territory is chiefly divided into two peoples and two tongues, viz: the Spanish and the English.

For the English speaking population we have about forty charges—nominally—scattered over this vast empire, necessarily scores and, in some cases, hundreds of miles apart; and some of these stand on the Minutes as left "to be supplied," but have no supplies, no church, no organization. There are people, and some Christian people, scattered like sheep without a shepherd, and there are children ten and twelve years old, who never saw a minister or heard a sermon. These are facts in regard to the English speaking population, and in view of these facts we appeal to the Missionary Society for such an increase of missionary appropriation as shall enable these fields to be occupied and cultivated "till the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad for them and the desert shall blossom like the rose."

But when we turn to the tens of thousands of Spanish speaking people, we see hundreds of old, wealthy, honorable and cultivated families; and these are gradually going to decay and dropping out of sight, while the lower classes are becoming more and more degraded. Unless some help can be extended, and that right soon, this whole population, with many natural excellencies of character, will become extinct. The power to save them is not in education, nor in legislation, but is in a pure Protestant Christianity. Therefore:

RESOLVED, That we respectfully request the Bishop, if it is possible, at this Conference to appoint a suitable person, who can speak the Spanish language, to take charge of this work.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Missions be asked to consider this case very carefully, and make such provisions as in their wisdom they deem best. But, as at least one missionary will be needed to take charge of the work, and there are now two available native preachers who can be employed as helpers, not less than \$3000 will be needed the present year.

RESOLVED, That Bishop Hurst be respectfully requested to use his influence to secure from the Contingent Fund, or from some other source, such funds as shall make this work possible.

We would call the attention of the Church to our Local Ministry, and ask the respective Quarterly Conferences to note carefully whether all persons holding such relations are of moral character and efficiency worthy of their position.

It is indispensable to the success of our work that we guard with jealous care the pulpit; and, while we will pray without ceasing for the coming of young men into our ministry, it is important for the good of the candidate, as well as for the church, that such persons be well-qualified for this work. To this end we call the attention of the respective Quarterly Conferences and Presiding Elders to a careful examination as to their gifts, graces and usefulness.

It has come to our knowledge that in several instances our pastors have been seriously embarrassed by the irregular operations of certain preachers holding local relations. We respectfully but emphatically call the attention of our Quarterly Conferences to this fact, and request them to protect other pastors from the unauthorized interference of such preachers.

Vital to Christianity is the question of literature. It has come to our notice of late that certain papers of a religious character have been circulated, holding theories contrary to the doctrines of the Christian Church, and designed, as we think, to create dissension in our work. We suggest, as a safeguard against such evils, a more general circulation of our Church periodicals, especially our own C. C. Advocate, edited by Rev. B. F. Crary, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. HOUGH, Chairman.
E. S. CHASE, Secretary.

NO. 18.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

District.....	\$175	District.....	\$350
Artesia and Westminster .	100	Bakersfield and Tehachipa..	175
Florence.....	100	Plano and Kernville	100
Los Angeles—Asbury.....	150	Visalia	150
" Rose street... .	100	Tulare City.....	100
Pomona and Cucamonga....	100	Selma.....	100
Santa Ana.....	100	Fresno	100
San Bernardino.....	100	Merced.....	100
San Diego Circuit.....	100	Central Point.....	150
San Gabriel.....	100	San Benito and Jolon.....	100
 Totals	\$1125.....	 \$1425.....	\$3500

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

District.....	\$225	Los Angeles—German Mission.....	\$1200
Ventura Circuit..	150	" Spanish "	250
Goleta	125	Santa Barbara— " "	250
Santa Maria	100	 Total.....	 \$1700
Paso Robles.....	150	 Grand Total.....	 \$5200
Cambria.....	75		
Los Alamos.....	125		

ADAM BLAND, Chairman,
CHAS. SHELLING, Sec'y.

I concur in above.

JOHN F. HURST.

NO. 19.—REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY TREASURER,

Received from Charges for General Missionary Society..... \$857 80
 " " " Women's Foreign Mission'y Society.. 19 70

Total..... \$877 50
For which amount proper vouchers are presented.

J. H. PETERS.

No. 1.—Statistics of Southern California Conference for 1882.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

MEMBERSHIP.	BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.				MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.														
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	Probable Value.	Faith for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Faith on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of all ages.	For Missions.	For Pastors, Presiding Elder and Bishop.											
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.....																											
Los Angeles.....	37	437	7	4	7	9	2	\$23,000	1	\$3,000	\$8,000 00	51	620	\$200 00	\$60 00	\$175 00											
Pasadena and San Gabriel.....	10	91	3	4	7	9	2	3,000	1	1,050	1,095 00	8	60	\$2 00	18 00	\$1,820 00											
Florence.....	6	66			1	8	1	3,000			200 00	20	16			775 00											
Santa Monica (no report).....																775 00											
Compton.....	8	123	1	1	3	1	1	3,000	1	700	35 00	15	100	71 50	22 50	1,096 00											
Riverside.....	8	100	1	1	4	2	2	9,000			49 00	12	88	16 00	2 00	3 200											
Orange and Garden Grove.....	1	87			1	4	2	3,500	1	450	1,025 00	2	23	125	22 80	3 40	16 50										
San Diego Circuit (no report).....	12	55			2	4	4	1	5,000	1	1,200	240 58	16	60	20 00	10 00	768 00										
Westminster and Artesia.....	24	64	2	1	2	3	2	3,900	1	150	1,050 00	2	17	8 25	1 75	289 30											
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	3	33		1	1	1	1	1,500			50 00	1	6	25	9 00	1 50	631 65										
Pomona and Azusa.....	25	100	1	2	1	1	1	450			75 00	1	8	47	7 00	1 00	535 00										
San Bernardino.....	9	49			3		1	800	1	500	165 00	1	10	75	26 90	1 10	944 00										
San Fernando (no report).....											700 00	100	330 00	2 00	2 50	175 00											
German Mission.....	9	64	2		5		1	5,000				2	11	60 00	5 60	10 00	976 00										
Spanish Mission (no report).....	6	70	2		2							1	12	102	62 23	1 00	437 00										
University Church.....																7 50											
Total.....	128	1264	18	14	26	35	17	\$61,150	7	\$7,050	\$17,810 58	1117 60	\$330 00	18 215	\$195 86	\$119 50	\$615 36	\$9 75 152 55	\$17 35	\$18 75	\$27 65	\$506 60	\$67 75	\$10 60	\$10,979 45	\$72 75	\$2989 80

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.....	10	100	2	2	9	5	1	\$ 6,000	1	\$1000 00	\$ 233 40	1	9	89	\$31 00	\$51 00	\$3 45	\$10 00	\$2 30	\$1 25	\$2 49	\$4 00		\$2,220 00						
San Barbara.....	4	46	2	3	5	1	1	2,000	1	400 00	\$142 55	185 00	1	8	65	7 00	\$2 15	9 15	1 40	50	65	60	1 55	\$ 80	\$1,201 25	\$3 00	\$ 86 00			
San Buenaventura.....	7	46	1	1	5	2	1	2,500	1	1200 00	211 11				23 50		23 5C	1 00	5 40	2 35	1 50	5 40	9 40	1 35	992 40	4 75	139 35			
Ventura Circuit.....	9	50			3	1	1	2,500				1	7	75	7 05			7 05	2 00	5 00	2 00	3 00	3 60	2 00	763 15	9 40	120 00			
San Luis Obispo.....	10	40			2	1	1	2,000	1	1000 00	180 00		1	10	73	17 60	6 40	24 00	1 50	2 10	1 40	2 00	3 50	1 65	636 00	4 15	48 50			
Golita.....	8	50			4	3	1	1,000	1	50 00	50 00		8	14	65	13 00		13 00		2 85					730 35	1 00				
Santa Maria & Arroyo Grande.....	10	100	2	2	5	20	1	1,900	1	250 00	310 00	90 00	200 00	1	8	100	20 00		20 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	951 00	1 00			
Lompoc.....	10	100	2		5	20	1	1,900	1	250 00	310 00	90 00	200 00	1	6	50	5 00		5 00		25					413 15		32 73		
Paso Robles.....	31	1	3		1	1	1	750																						
Cambria Circuit.....	5	20			2		1	2,500																						
Los Alamos Circuit.....	10	27	1		1	14		1	393 50		278 45		115 03		2	10	75	3 99		3 90										
Concejo Circuit (no report).....																														
Total.....	73	520	7	10	26	52	7	\$16,150	7	\$1713 50	\$1282 96	\$352 55	\$100 05	12	76	617	\$163 05	\$8 55	\$171 60	\$9 95	\$37 75	\$10 65	\$12 20	\$16 40	\$95 80	\$8 80	\$4 45	\$7,596 50	\$36 40	\$455 13

VISALIA DISTRICT.

VISALIA DISTRICT.....	4	88			2	1	1	\$ 600	1	\$ 550 00	\$ 150 00		1	5	60	\$ 8 50	\$ 16 50	\$ 25 00												
Bakersfield.....	10	29	i	1	2	1	1	1,500	1	1200 00	350 00		1	8	60	\$ 8 00	\$ 16 00	\$ 20 00												
Hanford.....	5	51		1	1	2	1	2,500	1	500 00	58 00	\$147 00	440 00	1	18	80	10 00	10 00	20 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	3 45							
Grangeville.....	18	50	1		1	1	1	1,000	1	600 00	600 00	100 00	1	10	50	5 00	2 00	7 00		1 50										
Merced.....	1	18			3	2	1	1,800	1	600 00				1	6	80	3 88	2 50	6 35											
Fresno.....	29	2												3	21	100	5 00		5 00											
Mariposa (no report).....																														
Jolon (no report).....																														
San Benito.....	6	17																												
Kernville & Tehachapi (no rep't).....																														
Tulare City.....	1	20			1		1	2,000			1600 00			1	15	80														
Total.....	45	252	4	6	2	6	5	\$3450 00		\$2156 10	\$747 00	\$540 00	10	87	499	\$41 35	\$31 00	\$72 31		\$9 00	\$2 25	\$3 50	\$1 50	\$6 95	\$8 35			\$5,680 60	\$9 35	\$180 00

RECAPITULATION.

TOTALS BY DISTRICTS—	Los Angeles District.....	128	1264	18	14	26	35	17	\$31,450	7	\$7050 00	\$17,810 58	\$1117 60	\$330 00	18	215	1544	\$195 86	\$119 50	\$315 36	\$9 75	\$152 55	\$17 35	\$18 75	\$27 65	\$505 80	\$67 75	\$10 60	\$10,979 45	\$72 75	\$2989 80
Santa Barbara District.....	73	520	7	10	26	52	7	16,150	7	4743 50	1,082 96	231 50	500 05	12	76	617 163 05	8 55	171 60	9 95	37 75	10 63	12 20	15 40	36 40	8 80	6 45	7,580 60	9 35	455 13		
Visalia District.....	45	252	4	6	2	6	5	\$3450 00		\$2156 10	\$747 00	\$540 00	10	87	499	\$41 35	\$31 00	\$72 31		\$9 00	\$2 25	\$3 50	\$1 50	\$6 95	\$8 35			\$5,680 60	\$9 35	\$180 00	

Current Expenses—Sexton,
Fuel, Gas, Sunday Schools,
etc.

No. 2.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1882.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	PROBATIONERS.										MEMBERS.										PASTORAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.			BISHOPS.			CONF. CLAIMTS.																
	No. on Roll at last Conference and received since.					No. Removed by Certificate.					No. Dropped, Withdrawn or Unknown.					No. Received into Full Connection					No. on the Roll at the end of this year.					No. Received by Certificate.			No. Received from Probation.			No. Removed by Certificate.			No. Received without Certificate.			No. Withdrawn, Expelled or Unknown.			No. of Deaths.			No. of Known Members at end of this Year.		
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.....																																														
Los Angeles.....	67											8					20	37	44	20	97	17	2	4	437	\$,600 00 ⁰	\$1,600 00	... 7.	\$175 00†	\$175 00†	\$20 00	.....	\$18 00												
Pasadena and San Gabriel.....	14											3		1	10	36	1	4	2	3	4	3	91	7.5 00 ⁰	725 00	40 00	\$41 00	\$39 00	9 00	.....	\$10 00														
Florence.....	12	1	1									4	6	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	66	500 00	500 00	30 00	30 00	3 00	3 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00															
Santa Monica (no report).....																																														
Compton.....	17	1	2	3								3	8	11	3	9				4	1	123 C.	1,000 00 ⁰	1,000 00	90 00	90 00	6 00	6 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00														
Riverside.....	16											1	8	35	7	14						100	700 00	700 00	60 00	60 00	4 00	4 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00														
Orange and Garden Grove.....	4											3	1	20	3	1						1	87	675 00 ⁰	715 00	50 00	50 00	5 50	5 50	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00													
San Diego.....	14		1									1	12	7	1	12	1	7	2	55	1,240 00	1,240 00	90 00	90 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....								
San Diego Circuit (no report).....																																														
Westminster and Artesia.....																																														
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	6											3	18				24	19			3	1	33	6 0 00	6 0 00	50 00	50 00	1 65	1 65	1 50	1 50											
Pomona and Azusa.....	2																2	10			1	2	25	600 00	599 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00									
San Bernardino.....	7	2											5	23			4	4	3	3	49	900 00 ⁰	900 00	40 00	40 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00													
San Fernando (no report).....																																														
German Mission.....	19											1	9	9	5	9	1			1	64	1,000 00	951 00	49 00	49 00	20 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00													
Spanish Mission (no report).....																	2	5	45	2	5		70	400 00	400 00	30 00	30 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 00	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50											
University Church.....	7																																													
Total.....	185	4	4	19								52	128	248	52	178	21	24	14	1264	\$9,940 00	\$10,087 30	\$140 00	\$140 00	\$892 50	\$42 00	\$69 65	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$72 75															

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.....																																										
Santa Barbara.....	31	7	..	5	..						9	10	8	9	23	..	1	2	100	\$1,096 00 ⁰	\$1,096 00	... 7.	\$225 00†	\$225 00†	9 00	5 25	\$18 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$3 00	\$3 00									
San Buenaventura.....	11	1	..	3	..						3	4	5	4	16	..	1	3	46	872 00 ⁰	840 00	\$32 00	150 00	150 00	4 00	2 40	4 75	4 75	4 75	4 75	4 75	4 75	4 75	4 75								
Ventura Circuit.....	8										1	7	9	8	9	..	5	1	46	600 00	600 00	80 00	77 20	4 70	4 70	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40	9 40								
San Luis Obispo.....	23	4	1	..							9	10	4	1	1	..	6	2	40	572 00 ⁰	652 00	74 00	80 00	84 00	4 00	2 50	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30	5 30						
Golita.....	16			5							1	10	8	10	4	4	4	4	1	50	800 00 ⁰	825 00	175 00	100 00	100 00	5 00	5 36	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Santa Maria & Arroyo Grande.....	12										4	10	20	10	20	8	7	7	4	1	100	850 00 ⁰	850 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00				
Lompoc.....	30											1	..	2	1	24	3	1	3	31	450 00 ⁰	350 00	160 00	80 00	63 15					
Paso Robles.....	14		5	13							1	..	5	21	1	..	2	20	500 00	500 00	50 00	50 00	58 15	2 50	2 50	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45	6 45				
Cambria Circuit.....	5											11	10	16	11	27	540 00	340 00	200 00	200 00	38 70	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85	1 85						
Los Alamos Circuit.....	21																																									
Conejo Circuit (no report).....																																										
Total.....	171	12	6	26							59	73	94	48	89	12	12	10	510	\$7,005 00	\$6,425 00	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†	\$350 00†

RECAPITULATION.

TOTALS BY DISTRICTS—																																				
Los Angeles District.....	185	4	4	19	..	52	128	248	52	178	21	24	14	1264	\$9,940 00	\$10,087 30	\$140 00	\$140 00	\$920 00	\$892 50	\$42 00	\$69 65	\$82 50	\$72 75	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	\$82 50	
Santa Barbara District.....	171	12	1	26	..	59	73	94	48	89	12	12	10	1264	7,005 00	6,425 00	5,025 85	5,025 85	670 00	651 15	3 60	13 60	2 85	9 35	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85	2 85
Visalia District.....	67	..	15	1	10	45	56	15	15	7	12	6	252	\$5,154 00	\$5,025 85	\$850 90	\$850 90	\$670 00	\$651 15	\$3 60	\$13 60	\$2 85	\$9 35	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	\$2 85	
Grand Total.....	423	16	5	60	1	121	246	398	115	282	40	48	30	2026	\$22,039 00	\$21,534 15	\$1,570 90	\$2,665 00	\$2,594 85	\$76 30	\$112 30	\$80 45	\$118 50	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	\$80 45	

*Person ages †Missionary appropriations

No. 3.—Statistics for Southern California Conference for 1882.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

	No. of Sunday Schools,	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 yrs old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 years except Infant class.	No. of Scholars 1st Infant Class.	Average Attendance Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		Officers and Teach's who are Ch. Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.		
									Total Expense of Schools this year.	No. of Sunday Advocate's taken.	No. of S. S. Classmates taken.	No. of Sunday School Journalists taken.		
Los Angeles.....	2	51	620	331	186	103	610	\$850 00	150	...	37	41	150 22	
Pasadena and San Gabriel.....	2	28	132	61	44	27	421	111 00	30	25	21	20	37 9	
Florence.....	1	8	60	..	..	45	150	25 00	25	25	7	25	4	
Santa Monica [No. Report]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Compton.....	1	15	100	35	35	30	75	50 00	60	..	15	15	25 2	
Riverside.....	1	12	88	40	23	25	70	40 00	8	..	14	12	30 3	
Orange and Garden Grove.....	2	23	135	60	50	25	125	41 55	55	..	11	23	25 4	
San Diego.....	1	16	100	35	30	35	75	144	113 25	50	50	14	16	8 2
Westminster and Artesia.....	2	17	..	..	..	..	55	300	55 00	40	15	13	..	..
Santa Ana and Tustin.....	1	6	25	..	..	..	..	..	28 00	18	18	7	4	3 1
Pomona and Azusa.....	1	8	47	25	12	10	38	110	37 00	20	20	7	7	..
San Bernardino.....	1	10	75	20	30	25	65	250	75 00	45	..	9	..	7 ..
German Mission.....	2	11	60	12	36	12	54	150	55 00	50	..	11	8	1
University.....	1	12	102	35	37	30	64	..	33 70	..	..	12	11	30 6
San Fernando, [No Report]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
San Diego Circuit "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Spanish Mission "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	18	215	1544	654	483	322	752	2135	\$1514 50	551	128	163	176	346 57

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

Santa Barbara.....	1	9	89	20	19	52	60	..	\$56 00	50	50	9	9	9 ..
San Buenaventura.....	1	8	65	20	25	20	50	..	24 75	75	75	10	8	4 3
Ventura Circuit [No Report]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
San Luis Obispo.....	1	7	75	10	25	40	45	..	36 73	36	36	6	5	..
Goleta.....	1	10	73	22	26	25	45	233	12 00	20	..	10	10	28 5
Sta Maria & Arroyo Grande.....	3	14	65	30	20	15	50	25	35 0 0	35	..	3	10	1 6
Lompoc.....	1	8	100	80	10	10	80	16 0	50 0	..	..	8	..	6 23
Paso Robles Circuit.....	1	6	50	..	..	..	40	12 5	32 73	24	..	5	..	..
Cambria "	1	4	25	10	15	..	20	..	10 50	..	..	1	4	2 8
Los Alamos "	2	10	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	25	..	..	..
Conejo Circuit [No Report]	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	12	76	617	192	140	162	390	483	\$256 71	253	186	29	59	50 40

VISALIA DISTRICT.

Visalia [No Report].....	1	5	60	20	40	10	40	..	\$15 00	..	..	1	5	5 ..
Plano.....	1	8	60	..	25	15	..	..	20 00	..	..	7	8	4 ..
Bakersfield.....	1	18	80	50	10	20	..	60	30 00	25	25	2	12	6 4 ..
Hanford.....	1	10	59	18	24	8	55	..	20 00	..	..	6	..	..
Grangeville.....	1	6	30	9	11	10	36	45	..	40	40	..	6	3 ..
Merced.....	3	20	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	15	6	..	..
Fresno.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mariposa.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kernville and Tehachapi.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Jolon Circuit.....	1	5	30	..	..	..	..	..	15 00	..	..	..	..	..
San Benito Circuit.....	1	15	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tulare City.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	10	87	290	97	110	63	1 31	1 05	\$100 00	80	80	16	37	22 4

RECAPITULATION.

Los Angeles District.....	18	115	1544	654	483	322	752	2135	\$1514 50	55	128	163	176	346 57
Santa Barbara "	12	76	617	192	140	162	390	483	257 71	253	186	29	59	50 40
Visalia "	10	87	499	97	110	63	131	105	100 00	80	80	16	37	22 4
Grand Totals.....	40	378	2660	943	733	517	1273	2723	\$1872 21	884	394	208	272	418 101

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Rev. W. A. Knighton.

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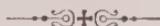
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JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.



FIRST DAY.

The Southern California Conference met in its Eighth Annual Session, in Los Angeles, California, September 5th, 1883. Bishop H. W. Warren, D. D., Presiding.

The Bishop called the Conference to order at 9 A. M.; read the Tenth chapter of Luke, in part, and the Eleventh chapter of Second Corinthians; the 798th hymn was sung, and Bishop Warren led in prayer.

The Conference Roll was called by the former Secretary, and forty-eight members and four probationers answered to their names.

John B. Green was re-elected Secretary; John H. Peters, Assistant; W. Nixon and W. F. Wenk, Statistical Secretaries.

The following transfers were announced: P. F. Bresee from Des Moines Conference, Daniel Cobb from Minnesota Conference.

The same Standing Committees as last year were ordered. The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to nominate the same, which they did as follows:

Education—R. W. C. Farnsworth, F. S. Woodcock, F. D. Bovard, J. McKelvey, M. F. Colburn.

Sunday School Union—J. D. Crum, A. N. Fields, J. R. Gregory.

Church Extension—T. S. Uren, J. B. Callaway, A. M. Hough.

Bible Cause—I. M. Leihy, H. Holdridge, J. W. Leach.

Observance of the Sabbath—W. Nixon, H. J. Shaffner, S. J. Kahler.

Temperance—J. S. Kline, W. F. Wenk, M. F. Colburn.

Tract Cause—D. A. Crowell.

Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders—F. S. Thomas, M. Miller, E. S. Chase.

Pastoral Address—T. S. Uren, F. M. Pickles.

Missionary Cause—M. M. Bovard, C. G. Belknap, A. N. Fields.

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Publishing Minutes—J. B. Green, A. M. Hough, M. M. Bovard.

Collecting Money for Publishing Minutes—J. D. Crum.

Freedmen's Aid Society—W. Nixon, I. M. Leihy, J. B. Callaway.

Episcopal Fund—J. R. Gregory.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Memoirs—A. W. Hough, F. S. Woodecock, M. M. Bovard.

A draft of \$30.00 was ordered on the Chartered Fund.

An invitation to a reception on Thursday evening at Dr. J. P. Widney's, was read and accepted.

On motion, 8:30 o'clock A. M. was fixed as the hour to open the sessions of the Conference, 12 to adjourn, the first half hour being devotional services.

The Conference bar was fixed at the fifth row of seats from the altar.

The following ministers were introduced: Reverends Howard, Summers, Learned, Lewis, Storey, Stowell, Armstrong, Thompson, Kahler.

A communication from the Trustees of the German M. E. Church, offering their house of worship for committee meetings, was read and accepted with thanks.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to forward a telegram of sympathy to Bro. C. H. Lawton, who was reported to be dying.

F. D. Bovard was added to the Committee to examine candidates for Local Deacons' Orders.

It was ordered that when the names of the preachers were called they should report amount of Missionary, Church Extension, Conference Claimants, and Bishops' Collections, and if all the collections were taken. Also, number of members and number of conversions during the year.

Question Twentieth—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"—was taken up. The names of Charles Shelling, Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District, was called, his character was passed, and he read a report of his work. The characters of the following Effective Elders of this District were passed: J. D. Crum, John B. Green, E. S. Chase, G. H. Bolinger, A. M. Hough, Wm. Nixon, R. W. C. Farnsworth, G. W. Elwood, A. W. Bunker, D. A. Crowell, M. M. Bovard, F. D. Bovard, D. Cobb, and Chas. Leach.

W. A. Knighten, Presiding Elder of Santa Barbara District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also that of the following Effective Elders: F. S. Woodcock, A. N. Fields, H. J. Shaffner, T. S. Uren, H. Holdridge, and C. H. Lawton.

Adam Bland, Presiding Elder of Visalia District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also the character of the following Effective Elders of his District: J. S. Kline, J. W. Leach, J. B. Callaway, F. M. Pickles, J. A. McMullan, C. G. Belknap, and Martin Miller.

Question Eighteen—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was taken up. The names of the following preachers were called and their characters passed: J. M. Campbell, John McKelvey, S. B. Guiberson, I. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, and John H. Peters.

John McKelvey was made effective.

Question Nineteen—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?"—was taken up. The names of A. Higbee, T. Cookson and J. A. Book were called, their characters passed, and they were continued in the same relation.

An invitation to visit the works of the Electric Light Company was read and accepted with thanks.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and passed by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the Southern California Conference tenders its thanks to Rev. A. Higbee for his untiring zeal for the University of Southern California, and we appreciate his successful

solicitations during the past year in procuring apparatus and books.

F. D. BOVARD,
A. M. HOUGH.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to publish in the Minutes the time of meeting of the Committees of Examination.

The following were introduced: Rev. Mr. Wright of Arizona, and Rev. H. Horace of the British Wesleyan Methodist Conference.

Announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Bishop Warren.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 6.

Conference opened at 8:30 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Shelling.

Minutes of the previous day read and approved.

Communication from H. Sinsabaugh, announcing the death of Rev. C. H. Lawton, was read.

Communication in regard to expenses of Delegates to the General Conference was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

The accounts of the New York Book Concern and also those of the Western Concern were referred to Mr. Abbott of the San Francisco Depository.

Communication in regard to Centenary of M. E. Church in the United States referred to the Educational Committee.

Communication in regard to Freedmen's Aid Society referred to committee on the same.

Communication regarding Episcopal Fund referred to the Presiding Elders.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of a Delegate to the General Conference be made a special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

J. H. PETERS,
F. D. BOVARD.

Communication from the Book Concern referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

University Church, West Los Angeles, was chosen as the place to hold the next Annual Session of the Conference.

Question Twentieth—"Was the character of each Preacher examined?"—was taken up. The name of B. A. Washburn

was called, and his case referred to an investigating committee composed of the following: D. Cobb, M. Miller, M. M. Bovard, R. W. C. Farnsworth, and C. W. Tarr. E. S. Chase was substituted for Wm. Nixon on the Freedmen's Aid Committee.

Question Tenth—"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?"—was taken up. George F. Bovard was recommended by the Orange Quarterly Conference. Committee of Examination reported, and he was elected to Deacon's Orders. Victor A. Henry was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Fort street, Los Angeles. Committee reported, and he was elected to Deacon's Orders.

John Hickey was recommended by the Bakersfield Quarterly Conference, but had not been before the Committee.

Question Third—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up, Wm. Schuldt was called. Committee of Examination reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued on trial, and elected to Deacon's orders under the missionary rule. Wilber F. Wenk was called. Committee of Examination reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued on trial. Felix S. Thomas was called. Committee of Examination reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued on trial. Marcellus L. Whitmore was called. Committee reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was continued on trial.

Question Twelfth—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?"—was taken up. James R. Gregory was called; Committee of Examination reported, and he was advanced to the class of the second year.

Transfer of N. M. Learned, an Effective Elder, from Minnesota Conference, was announced.

Question Thirteenth—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of second class?"—was taken up. M. F. Colburn was called. The Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

Question Tenth—"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?"—was taken up. Chas. W. Stowell was called. Committee of Examination reported favorably, and he was elected to Deacon's Orders. Geo. F. Bovard and Victor A. Henry were also reported favorably by the Committee of Examination, and they were elected to Deacons' Orders.

Question Fifth—"Who are admitted into full connection!"—was taken up. James H. White was called. Committee of Examination reported; he was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacons' Orders.

The annual Conference elected Adam B'and Delegate to the ensuing General Conference. Chas. Shelling was elected alternate.

E. S. Chase and G. H. Bollinger were appointed a committee to carry invitation to Lay Electoral Conference to visit the Annual Conference at the close of their deliberations.

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause read and adopted.
(See Report No. 5.)

Rev. John Thompson, Bible Agent, addressed the Conference.
The time was extended.

The Lay Electoral Conference was introduced, welcomed by Bishop Warren, and replied to by President of Lay Conference, Capt. W. H. Johnson, who announced the election to the General Conference of G. Wiley Wells. Reserve, Geo. B. Adams.

Daniel Cobb was elected Conference Treasurer and instructed to take charge of all Benevolent Funds.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, with Benediction by Bishop Warren.

THIRD DAY, SEPT. 7.

Conference opened at 8:30 with devotional services conducted by T. S. Uren.

Bishop Warren announced that Rev. B. A. Washburn had surrendered his parchments and wished to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church.

The Conference, by vote, permitted him to withdraw.

The following resolution of thanks, offered by Bros. Shelling and Leihy, was adopted :

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dr. E. E. Beach, wife of Rev. R. M. Beach, late of Minneapolis, now of East Los Angeles, has built a neat and well-arranged parsonage for the Asbury M. E. Church and given the same to that young and growing Society—helping it at a time when it much needed it; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, express our hearty thanks to these benefactors for the noble and timely gift.

The following transfers were announced: Benjamin F. Edwards, Southwest Kansas Conference; Frank T. Mathers, Genesee Conference; T. E. Robinson, St. Louis Conference; Chas.

W. Stowell, Probationer in the first year, from the Vermont Conference. His examination was reported satisfactory, and he was advanced to the second year.

The Secretary of the Conference Board of Church Extension made a report of the amounts recommended for loan and donations.

The Conference voted to commit one of the parchments surrendered by Hardin Wallace to the care of Bishop Warren.

On request of the Conference, Bishop Warren transferred Geo. W. Story, a Supernumerary member of the Iowa Conference, and he was made effective. Also, S. J. Kahler, a supernumerary member of the Kansas Conference, was made effective.

A. H. Summers of the Nebraska Conference, was transferred to this Conference.

A resolution in regard to Evangelists was offered and referred to the following Committee: A. W. Bunker, F. S. Woodeock, and J. M. Campbell.

The following resolution was adopted: "Recognizing Evangelical Christianity as a common brotherhood, we extend our greetings to the various bodies, and respectfully invite from them fraternal delegates to our Annual Conferences.

E. S. CHASE,
CHAS. SHELLING.

H. J. Shaffner was granted a Supernumerary relation, at his own request.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we respectfully request the Pastors and Stewards of the Churches entertaining our Conference hereafter, to make arrangements for a Sacramental Service in connection with the opening session.

J. H. PETERS,
C. G. BELKNAP.

On motion, 11 o'clock to-morrow was made the hour for the reading of the Report of the Committee on Memoirs, and that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in connection with these services.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Report of the Committee on Tract Cause was read and adopted. (See report No. 4.)

Special Committee to whom was referred Resolutions in regard to Evangelists, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Cause of Christ has suffered by irresponsible persons being permitted to conduct, or assist in conducting, special religious meetings in our churches; and

WHEREAS, The Church of Christ, and good and true men doing evangelistic work, both need protection; therefore,

Resolved, That no member of this Conference shall employ any evangelist or any person doing the work of an evangelist on his charge, unless such evangelist or person shall have an annual written certificate of character and fitness for evangelistic work from the Presiding Elder of the District in which the charge is situated, and the consent of the majority of the official members of said charge.

F. S. WOODCOCK,
A. W. BUNKER,
J. M. CAMPBELL, } Committee.

Bishop Warren read a communication from Dr. Crary, Editor *C. C. Advocate*, which was referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

The Committee on Public Worship was requested to give Rev. John Thompson, of the American Bible Society, a half hour on some evening during Conference for the purpose of organizing a local Bible Society.

A motion requesting all Standing Committees to report as soon as possible was adopted.

Announcements were made, Doxology was sung, and Bishop Warren pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY, SEPT. 8.

Conference opened at 8:30 with devotional exercises conducted by A. W. Bunker.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Albert L. Deering was transferred from New England Southern Conference and he was granted a Supernumerary relation.

Report of the Committee on Church Extension was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

Report of the Committee on the Temperance Cause was read and adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

Mrs. Leavitt, of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, addressed the Conference.

Report of the Auditing Committee was presented and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of the Conference Stewards was presented and adopted.
(See Report No. 10.)

By vote of the Conference the Fifth Collection from Ventura Circuit was ordered paid to Mrs. Lawton.

Question Second—"Who are admitted on Trial?"—was taken up. George F. Bovard was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of University Church. Committee of Examination reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial. Victor A. Henry was recommended by the Fort Street Quarterly Conference. Committee of Examination reported; his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was admitted on trial.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered, and the Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY, SEPT. 10.

The Conference opened at 8:30 with devotional exercise by M. M. Bovard.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

E. S. Chase and G. F. Bovard were added to the committee on publishing the minutes.

By vote of the Conference it was ordered that the published minutes of 1880 and those of the present session (1883) when certified to by the Secretary, shall be the official minutes of this Conference.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committees, and a committee to receive the benevolent collections for next year. They were instructed to be ready to report nominations on the morning of the first day of our next annual session.

The Conference Board of Church Extension was appointed.
(See page 8.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our presiding Bishop be requested to appoint some member of the Conference to deliver a sermon on Ministerial Education at our next session.

E. S. CHASE,
J. H. PETERS.

Question Twenty-Eighth—"Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?"—was taken up. (See page 9.)

The following nominations were made by the Bishop and confirmed by the Conference:

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| Committees of Examination; | (See page 9.) |
| To preach Conference Sermon ; | (See page 9.) |
| To preach Missionary Sermon; | (See page 9.) |
| To preach on Ministerial Education; | (See page 9.) |
| To preach Centenary Sermon—Adam Bland. | |

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the wisdom and efficiency of Dr. B. F. Crary in his management of our paper ; that the organization of its success, in the face of apparent financial disaster, demands and hereby receives our heartiest commendation; and, if in the wisdom of the next General Conference he should be returned to the position now occupied by him, we pledge him our hearty support.

We also take great pleasure in recognizing the very efficient services of Rev. J. B. Hill, and we do hereby recommend his continuance in his present work.

G. W. ELWOOD,
A. M. HOUGH.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That in view of our rapidly increased work we deem our Conference of sufficient importance to require the visitation of our General Conference Secretaries.

M. M. BOVARD,
E. S. CHASE.

The following certificate of ordinations was placed on the minutes:

I hereby certify that in the City of Los Angeles, Cal., on Sunday, September 9th, 1883, I ordained George F. Bovard, Victor A. Henry, Wm. Shuldt, Charles W. Stowell and James H. White, Deacons ; and on the same day and at the same place, by the aid of Elders present, Marcus F. Colburn, Elders in the Church of God.

(Signed)

HENRY W. WARREN.

Los Angeles, September 10, 1883.

T. D. Lewis, a supernumerary member of the St. Louis Conference, was transferred and made Effective.

Question Eighteen—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"—was taken up. J. M. Campbell, I. M. Leihy, and C. W. Tarr were continued in the same relation.

Albert L. Deering was made Effective.

Report of the Committee on Publishing interest was read and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of the Conference that the Courts of this State are obliged to sentence, and do sentence, boys of tender years convicted of crime to State Prison, where they are brought into contact and are compelled to associate with hardened criminals; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Conference request the Legislature to pass such laws as will establish and locate a Reform School in this State, where all persons of tender years, convicted of crime in this State, may be confined, and placed under proper intellectual, moral, and religious instruction.

M. M. BOVARD,
E. S. CHASE.

In order to give vitality and effect to the above resolution, the Conference ordered the appointment of a Committee of three laymen, and that the Secretary of the Conference be required to ask concurring action on the part of the California Conference; that such joint committees shall be charged with the duty of digesting and preparing a bill for presentation to the next assembled Legislature, and to solicit the earnest recommendation of the Governor to accomplish the success of this movement.

The following committee was appointed: G. Wiley Wells, J. P. Early, Dr. F. A. Seymour.

Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Supplemental Reports were read from the Board of Directors and from Trustees of Endowment Fund, and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Missions, was read and adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will take our regular collection for education, and make them as large as possible.

C. SHELLING,
E. S. CHASE.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, This conference learns with great satisfaction that measures have been taken in San Francisco looking to the preparation of a place, or institution, for the care and protection of weak-minded children; an organization has been effected for this purpose, and contributions are being solicited from private individuals, and it is hoped by its friends that the State will

make appropriations to aid in securing this needed provision for these helpless children of California; therefore,

Resolved. That said institution shall have our heartiest sympathy and co-operation.

C. W. TARR,
F. M. PICKLES,
J. A. McMILLAN.

The Pastoral Address was read and adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid was read, and adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The visit of H. W. Warren, D. D., has been a very great blessing to us in every way; since we have enjoyed his addresses and sermon in such a high degree, we therefore pray that the blessing of God may attend him in all his labors, and that his life may be spared for many years; and, be it

Resolved, 1st. That we will with great pleasure welcome him to preside over our Conference at any time it may fall to his lot to visit us.

Resolved, 2d. That it would afford us great pleasure, if in the wisdom of the General Conference, Bishop Warren should be sent to reside on this Coast:

M. M. BOVARD,
C. SHELLING.

Resolved, That we hereby instruct our Delegate to General Conference to use his influence to secure the selection of Los Angeles, Cal., as a place of Episcopal residence.

E. S. CHASE,
JOHN B. GREEN.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to the Secretary and his Assistants, and the Statistical Secretaries of the Conference, for their very important but most wearisome labors.

A. W. BUNKER,
THOS. S. UREN.

Committee on Missionary Cause reported. (See Report No. 18.)

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due to Rev. E. S. Chase, Pastor of the Fort Street M. E. Church, for the highly satisfactory manner in which he has provided entertainment for this body.

F. D. BOVARD.
C. SHELLING.

Question Four—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?"—was asked. The name of Geo. W. Story was called. The committee of examination reported favorably, and he was elected to Elder's Orders.

Report of the Committee on Sunday School was presented, and adopted. (See Report No 11.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we reaffirm our convictions on the evils of divorce, and declare that we will not knowingly marry divorced persons, unless the divorce be obtained on Scriptural grounds, and then for the innocent party only.

E. S. CHASE,
M. F. COLBURN.

Committee on Memoirs presented their report. Adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

Bishop Warren made appropriate remarks concerning the late Bishop J. T. Peck.

On motion, the time was extended.

Statistical Report was read and adopted. (See Statistical Tables.)

On motion, the present officers of Conference Societies were re-elected for the coming year.

A. M. Hough and I. M. Leihy were elected Corresponding Secretaries of the Historical Society.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, offered prayer, and read the appointments.

The Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced.

Thus closed the Eighth Session of the Southern California Conference.

H. W. WARREN, *President.*

JOHN B. GREEN, *Secretary.*



QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

1. Question. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

Answer. The following Elders: Daniel Cobb and N. M. Learned, from the Minnesota Conference; P. F. Bresee, from

the Des Moines Conference ; Benj. F. Edwards, from the Southwest Kansas Conference ; Frank T. Mathers, from Genesee Conference ; T. E. Robinson and T. D. Lewis, from St. Louis Conference ; S. J. Kahler, from Kansas Conference ; Albert L. Deering, from New England Southern Conference ; A. H. Summers, from Nebraska Conference. Deacon of the Second Class, George W. Story, from the Iowa Conference. Probationer of the First Year, Chas. W. Stowell, from the Vermont Conference.

2. Q. Who are admitted on trial ?
A. George F. Bovard, Victor A. Henry.
3. Q. Who remain on trial ?
A. Wm. Schuldt, Wilber F. Wenk, F. S. Thomas, Marcus L. Whitmore, C. W. Stowell.
4. Q. Who are discontinued ?
A. None.
5. Q. Who are admitted into full connection ?
A. James H. White.
6. Q. Who are re-admitted ?
A. None.
7. Q. Who are received on credentials from other Churches ?
A. None.
8. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons ?
A. James H. White, and, under the missionary rule, Wm. Schuldt.
9. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons ?
A. James H. White, Wm. Schuldt.
10. Q. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons ?
A. George F. Bovard, Victor A. Henry, Chas. W. Stowell.
11. Q. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons ?
A. George F. Bovard, Victor A. Henry, Chas. W. Stowell.
12. Q. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class ?
A. George F. Bovard, J. H. White, Wm. Schuldt, Victor A. Henry, Chas. W. Stowell.
13. Q. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class ?
A. James R. Gregory, O. S. Frambes.

14. Q. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders ?
A. Marcus F. Colburn, George W. Story.
15. Q. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders ?
A. Marcus F. Colburn, George W. Story.
16. Q. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders ?
A. None.
17. Q. What local Deacons have been ordained Elders ?
A. None.
18. Q. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers ?
A. J. M. Campbell, John McKelvy, S. B. Guiberson, I. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, J. H. Peters, H. J. Shaffner.
19. Q. Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?
A. A. Higbee, T. Cookson, J. H. Book.
20. Q. Was the character of each Preacher examined ?
A. Yes; in open Conference.
21. Q. Have any died ?
A. P. Y. Cool, Chas. H. Lawton.
22. Q. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference ?
A. None.
23. Q. Have any withdrawn ?
A. B. A. Washburn.
24. Q. Have any been located at their own request ?
A. None.
25. Q. Have any been located ?
A. None.
26. Q. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges ?
A. None.
27. Q. Have any been expelled ?
A. None.
28. Q. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals ?
A. J. D. Crum, F. S. Woodcock, J. H. Peters, William Nixon, E. S. Chase, T. S. Uren, R. W. C. Farnsworth.
29. Q. What is the Statistical Report of this Conference year ?
A. See Statistical Report.
30. Q. What are the claims on the Conference Fund ?

- A. Six hundred dollars.
- 31. Q. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied ?
 - A. See report of Conference Stewards.
- 32. Q. Where are the Preachers stationed ?
 - A. See List of Appointments.
- 33. Q. Where shall the next Conference be held ?
 - A. University Church, West Los Angeles.



APPOINTMENTS

OF THE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

	On Charge.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, R. W. C. FARNSWORTH, P. E.	1
(P. O. Los Angeles).	
Artesia,	B. F. EDWARDS.
Compton,	T. E. ROBINSON.
Florence,	G. W. ELWOOD.
Los Angeles—Asbury,	E. S. CHASE.
Boyle Heights & San Gabriel,	CHAS. SHELLING.
Fort Street,	P. F. BRESEE.
Grace,	N. M. LEARNED.
University,	M. F. COLBURN.
Newhall,	J. D. CRUM.
Ontario and Cucamonga, to be supplied by	JULES FLEMING.
Orange and Garden Grove,	VICTOR A. HENRY.
Pasadena,	JOHN B. GREEN.
Pomona,	F. D. MATHER.
Poway and National City,	T. D. LEWIS.
Riverside,	A. W. BUNKER.
San Bernardino,	W. NIXON.
San Diego,	T. S. UREN.
San Fernando,	To be supplied.
San Jacinto,	D. A. CROWEL.
Santa Ana,	A. H. SUMMERS.
Santa Monica, to be supplied by	HOWARD.
Westminster and Anaheim,	A. L. DEERING.
Wilmington and Willmore,	to be supplied.
M. M. BOVARD, President; F. D. BOVARD, Professor; GEORGE F. BOVARD, Teacher; A. M. HOUGH, Financial Secretary of the University of Southern California, and members of University Church Quarterly Conference.	

GERMAN DISTRICT—G. A. BOLINGER P. E.

(P. O. Anaheim.)

Anaheim and Pasadena.....	G. H. BOLINGER.	1
Fresno.....	To be supplied.	
Los Angeles.....	W.M. SCHULDT.	1
Santa Barbara.....	To be supplied.	
San Luis Obispo.....	To be supplied.	
Tulare.....	To be supplied.	

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—DANIEL COBB, P. E.

(P. O. Santa Barbara).

Cambria Circuit.....	M. L. WHITMORE.	1
Goleta.....	J. R. GREGORY.	1
Jolon.....	H. HOLDRIDGE.	1
Lompoc.....	F. S. WOODCOCK.	2
Los Alamos.....	F. S. THOMAS.	1
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	A. N. FIELDS.	1
San Buena Ventura.....	J. H. WHITE.	1
San Luis Obispo.....	to be supplied by H. H. HALL.	1
Santa Barbara.....	W.M. A. KNIGHTEN.	1
Santa Maria Circuit.....	C. LEECH.	1
Soledad.....	to be supplied by D. B. WRIGHT.	1
Ventura Circuit.....	W. F. WENK.	1

And one to be supplied.

VISALIA DISTRICT—ADAM BLAND, P. E.

(P. O. Grangeville).

Bakersfield and Tehachepi.....	J. S. KLINE.	3
Central Point.....	J. B. CALLAWAY.	1
Fresno.....	S. J. KAHLER.	1
Fresno Circuit—to be supplied.....		
Grangeville.....	JOHN MCKELVEY.	2
Hanford.....	O. S. FRAMBES.	1
Kernville.....	C. W. STOWELL.	1
Lemoore and Wildflower—to be supplied.....		
Mariposa and Yosemite—to be supplied.....		
Merced.....	F. M. PICKLES.	2
Plano.....	J. W. LEACH.	1
Selma.....	MARTIN MILLER.	2
Tulare City.....	G. W. STORY.	1
Visalia.....	J. A. McMILLAN.	2

C. G. BELKNAP, agent of Tulare River Indian Reservation.

REPORTS.

NO. 1. LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

The Los Angeles District completes another quadrennium. The years have each furnished evidence of healthful success and permanence for the church within our district lines. Perhaps the last has been the best of the four. We have not only conserved the good that we had—"holding fast whereunto we had attained,"—but we have made gratifying advance and enlargement.

A glance at the map of the three counties included within the district, will show the territorial area to be vast as an empire. We can reach it only in part; and can occupy only the more populous and accessible centers. Want of men and means, and perhaps the want of ripened opportunity, shut us up within the limits of such fields as can be reached, and to the endeavor of such work as can be done. For more than a score of years the marvelous development of the varied fertilities, and mineral wealth of these regions, will more and more astonish the world, and challenge the boldest faith of the itinerant minister of Christ.

To-day we are in the beginnings. We have the initial class and Sunday School, in what, in the near future, will be influential Churches with large memberships and Bible School centers of the best and broadest popular biblical culture. Here and there we have already, sure sign and promise of this Methodistic future. We are well abreast of the progress of the time, to say which touches close upon vaunting boast. And yet we say this under conditions where the newly settled hamlet of to-day more than quadruples its population, and becomes an embryo city within a year. Even now it is sometimes true, that before the new comer has unpacked his goods, he is met by a Methodist preacher, and favored with the sight of a subscription paper for a new Church, and advised to send his older children to the University.

The statistical returns from the several charges will show an advance upon the previous year, as gratifying as those of last year were upon the year preceding. We have not yet attained:—Every dollar of every apportionment made and asked in the interests of the beneficiary movements of the Church, is the one goal that should bound an aspiration and endeavor, in the way of annual monetary contributions. The Southern California Conference owes it to herself, and to the rich heritage that is hers—in the opening possibilities of the wealth of the future,—to reach these front lines of beneficent service, and maintain the advanced ground, as a distinctive characteristic of her achievement and history, so long as the waves of the Pacific beat on her shores.

Within the year, the Church at Santa Monica has been removed to a central location in that reviving town, and gives promise of a brighter future. On the San Diego circuit, at Poway, a parsonage has been built. The friends at Florence have secured, and are fitting up a pleasant parsonage home for the expected Pastor. At Pasadena a tasteful and commodious residence has been erected during the year, which for convenience and beauty is thought by many to be a model home for a Minister. Immediately after the last Conference the new and elegant Asbury Church at East Los Angeles was dedicated and paid for. Since then "an elect lady,"—the invalid wife of Rev. R. M. Beach, has caused to be built upon the parsonage lot, a house in good architectural taste, with ample conveniences for a preacher's family and home, which she munificently donates to Asbury Church as a memorial. Another instance of noble generosity gladdens the Church at Riverside. A gentleman and wife, connected with the first families of the place, gave their hearts to Christ and their names to the Church, in the early part of the year, and then donated one acre of land, in the choicest

part of Magnolia avenue, to the Trustees of the Church. These are princely gifts, the suitable acceptance and acknowledgement of which by this Conference is respectfully suggested.

Following close upon the revival at Riverside, ground was secured, on which a new Church building is nearly completed at West Riverside,—a Church edifice that just meets the Methodistic want of that thrifty settlement. Pomona,—“beautiful for situation,”—is the rival of every other place for rapid growth. Until recently, our people there have been few and poor. They are not overmuch numerous or wealthy yet, but they are alive to the demand of the times. They have just completed, and have ready for dedication a building, which for good taste and fitness is the admiration of all who see it. From now on, the lines will fall in pleasant places to the men who may be stationed at Pomona. At San Fernando, the people are moving vigorously in a new Church enterprise. They have the money subscribed, the ground secured, the plans adopted, and the lumber bought. They will soon have Church with steeple built, and the sound of “the Church going bells,” floating music over the plain. Here in Los Angeles we have two new Churches in process of erection, both of which will help to beautify the town, and will honor the zeal and good taste of our people. Our German brethren are progressive. The missionaries seek to enter every opening field. During the year a new Church has been built and dedicated for German Methodism in Anaheim. In some other of the Churches, as at Orange, and Garden Grove, and Pasadena, and the German Church on Fourth street, who have contributed a total of \$1,400 (and the Fort street Church pre-eminently, with an outlay of \$5,000) money has been generously expended for improvements. Our reported increase in these materialities of the Church in the district, aggregates four additional parsonages, six new Churches, and added values of upwards of thirty thousand dollars to Church property within the year.

The University of Southern California at West Los Angeles, has met the expectation of its friends in the record of the year. The present status and want of the institution will certainly be well and strongly presented by the Committee on Education. The coming year is the Centennial of our Church. It challenges to such hard work, and invites to such possible success, as shall anticipate a hundred years, and lift the University at once into centennial proportions of endowment and power. The last appointees of the district are not all here to-day. Our brother worker, Rev. P. Y. Cool, has passed into rest. He anticipated the ministry of the year with thanksgiving and joy. But the touch of God was upon him:—not for further pulpit service, he did not preach after Conference, but for a ministry of suffering for a little; and then for a welcome and home in the everlasting beatitudes. He has met the greeting, and our hopeful solace gives it earthly echo: “Servant of God well done!” Permit a further word:—These four years have given me the hardest and best work of my life. I have learned the sweet simplicity of perfect rest and love in Christ. I have learned to know and love Methodist preachers and people more than ever before. For their long suffering, patience and kindness I make full and humble offering of what I yet bear away from district office and work, the life-long gratitude of my heart.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SHELLING, P. E.

Sept. 5th, 1883.

NO. 2. SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

The term of four years has passed away, and we heartily congratulate ourselves and the Churches upon the universal success and prosperity of the work within these bounds. The Churches have grown in members, spirituality and financial strength at every point. We have added two new charges to our list of appointments, and they have both been successful fields of labor. We have built Churches, improved and finished Churches, enlarged and furnished the parsonages, and paid off debts, and tried to take all collections for the benevolences, circulated our Church papers, organized and maintained Sabbath Schools, and studied to acquit ourselves like men. Revival meetings have been held in the Churches and groves, and souls have been converted to God.

The attendance upon our public means of Grace is larger than at any previous year. With the rapid increase of population, other denominations are

coming in to compete for their share of support. They are trying to send out some of their best talent, and are consequently giving more liberally of their missionary funds than we. In some places where our men get nothing, or \$100 or \$80, other Churches pay from \$500 to \$800. out of their missionary treasures.

The following improvements and labors are deserving of special mention. A very beautiful Church building has been erected at Santa Paula. It cost about \$3,000 and the lots about \$450. There is a debt of about \$300 remaining unpaid.

The Church at Hueneme is progressing finely. The Church at Santa Barbara was improved. The Church extension debt at Ventura was paid. The property at Lompoc was improved and new furniture added to the parsonage.

Special improvements were made in the parsonage at San Luis Obispo, and new furniture. The Church at Paso Robles, at Estrella Plains, plastered and finished inside. The Church at Santa Maria has been reseated and furnished with a new pulpit at a cost of \$300. There also comes under this head a list of enterprises that will extend into next year. A new Church has been commenced at Hueneme on Ventura circuit. By the assistance of Hon. Thos. R. Bard and his excellent christian lady, who gave \$1,000 each, we are able to erect a Church at that shipping point worth about \$3,200. This will form a center for a new charge. It ought to have a minister this year.

The people of Moro, on Cambria circuit, also expect to erect a new Church at that point. It will cost about \$1,500 and seat about 200. About \$700 has been collected, and this will be the place for the residence of our Pastor, and permanently establish our work upon that field.

We will within a short time be required to build a Church at Arroyo Grande, and organize a circuit from the northern part of Santa Maria. We ought to build a Church at Los Alamos and at Ballards during the next year. The people seem anxious to assist. We think a Church can be built at Los Tablos on the Paso Robles circuit.

The Spanish work has had no minister the past year. We tried to procure some suitable person to supply it, but could not. The work has undoubtedly suffered a great deal. There is no possibility for us to maintain a Protestant mission on the Santa Barbara district, with an appropriation of \$250. The few persons who were members of that mission were poor and unable to assist in a Pastor's support. We think that nothing less than \$800 can sustain the work of a mission at that place. We will be compelled to surrender the field to other Churches who seem more awake to the importance of the Spanish work, or leave them in the darkness of superstition.

During the year special revival meetings have been held at Santa Barbara and Lompoc, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles and Cambria, Ventura and Santa Paula. These meetings were greatly blessed the Churches were strengthened and souls converted. The brethren have been generally well, but Rev. C. H. Lawton, of Ventura circuit, was taken seriously ill about two months ago. When on my way to Conference I called to see him. He was on his death-bed. He sent his message of love to all the brethren of the Conference. We prayed together. He was full of hope, and rested in the very presence of God, a victor only waiting for his crown.

We procured the services of Rev. S. N. Marsh, of the Cincinnati Conference, as a supply for Goleta. He had come to this coast for his health. He did excellent service and won the hearts of all the people. He has not sufficient strength to remain in the work.

Rev. H. J. Shaffner, near the close of the year, was attacked with a serious hemorrhage of the lungs. The year had been one of unusual prosperity.

The four years term on this district closes with this Conference. We have had the hardest task of all our lives. The responsibilities and the labors have pressed us many times to cry for help. We are glad to drop these heavy burdens upon other shoulders. We have made many mistakes and failures, and yet have had much of the charity and sympathy of our brethren. We return to the ranks, and seek to work again side by side with you in the vineyard of the Lord.

Respectfully,

W. A. KNIGHTEN, P. E.

NO. 3. VISALIA DISTRICT.

Notwithstanding the discouraging droughts we have had in the interior valley for two years, we are a very decided improvement in the country as a whole. It is true that some of the people have moved away, in consequence of these droughts, but their places have been more than filled by others, usually the new comers having more enterprise and means than those had who left.

We found considerable trouble in supplying the charges left to be supplied by last Conference, but at last succeeded in getting good men for them.

When the district was formed, three years ago, and I was appointed to it, it had but four preachers, one of whom was taken sick early in the year, and left his charge. This year we have had twelve preachers, and there is work for several more, if we had suitable men and material aid.

Our people on the district are generally poor, but have done well in giving to the support of their Pastors and to other Church enterprises. Yet our preachers have lived on very small salaries, averaging hardly \$500, and have done so without much complaint.

We have need of several Churches which we have been planning to build, but the short crops and other hindrances have kept us from commencing the work, except in one instance, at Fresno City. We have built one new parsonage at Tulare. We now have eight Churches and seven parsonages on the district.

I think the report on benevolent collections will be in advance of last year, as we have especially urged this on the attention of the preachers and the quarterly Conference. We have had some revivals, and I think an increase in membership. A few of our members have professed the blessing of entire sanctification, but the Holiness Bands, Editors and Bishops have neglected us during the year, much as we needed their presence and Godly counsel. We have a population of about 40,000 in our part of this great valley, not including the San Benito and Jolon country.

The Sabbath School work has had special attention in most of the charges.

I am sorry to report that our prayer and class meetings are not well attended.

The district is a unit on the Temperance question, and we are all praying and working for prohibition.

In the ministry we are all clean on the tobacco question.

We are encouraging our people to send their children to the University of Southern California, and the desire to do this is increasing. As soon as the people become more prosperous and are better informed in regard to the school, there will be a larger increase of students from this district.

We report briefly the individual charges. Bakersfield and Tehachapi charge has not advanced very decidedly this year. The repairs on the Church commenced last year, are not yet completed, but when they are done we will have a fine property in Bakersfield. The parsonage has been improved, and the Church and parsonage grounds enclosed with a picket fence, and planted with fruit and ornamental trees. Some of the best members have removed from this point, and we find it difficult to maintain a substantial membership. At Tehachapi we have a small but good society, good congregation, many children and some most excellent unconverted friends who are interested in the Church. Bro. J. S. Kline is very acceptable, and has now closed his second year on the charge.

Plano and Kernville charge has not changed materially during the year. Bro. W. T. Mayne, of the California Conference has been the supply, and leaves in favor with all the people.

In Visalia we have made some advancement; but owing to the debt on the property, and to other misfortunes, it has been very discouraging to the Pastor, Bro. John A. McMillan. We are in hopes now that we have fallen on a plan to extinguish the debt, and the Pastor is "rejoicing in hope."

Tulare City is a flourishing place on the C. P. R. R. J. H. White has closed his second year in this charge. He is our pioneer in this field. Our society is

small but the Sunday School is quite promising. In addition to the very comfortable Church erected last year, there has this year been built a good parsonage. The two buildings on the spacious lot make a good property, and is a good beginning in this new town. Owing to the drought, we are more in debt than we expected to be.

Grangeville, J. McKelvey Pastor, has had a successful year. The Church has been finished beautifully at a cost of \$800, and is paid for. The Sabbath School is the most prosperous on the district. The society is strong and the congregations are large.

Hanford charge, J. B. Callaway Pastor, has had severe trials this year. Bro. Callaway was to have had help on this work, but did not get it till about the middle of May, when Bro. Kahler, from Kansas Conference reached us and has been laboring since as a pioneer preacher, proving very acceptable to the people and of great assistance to Bro. Callaway.

Selma circuit, Martin Miller Pastor, has had some addition to its membership. We have no Church on this work, but hope to build one soon.

Fresno City. J. R. Gregory Pastor, is the largest and most flourishing town on the district. We have a good society, excellent Sabbath School, the prayer and class meetings are well attended. A good lot, well situated, has been secured, subscription pledged, and a contract let, so that we will soon have a beautiful Church in Fresno.

Merced, F. M. Pickles Pastor, is a large town, contains four Protestant Churches. Our society has been weakened by removals. We have a good property. Our cause has been well managed. We need missionary aid at this point.

Central Point, J. W. Leach Pastor, is a new work lying West of Merced City, on the San Joaquin River, in a farming community. The people are intelligent and industrious. The five or six school houses on the circuit, in which we preach, prove them to be an enterprising people, intent on educating their children. The good congregations and the liberality of the people towards their ministers show that they wish to have the gospel earnestly preached in their midst. Bro. Leach has been pastor for two years, during which time he has organized two small societies.

San Benito and Jolon mission is a work lying on the coast side of the mountains, and includes a large territory in San Benito and Monterey counties. The work has been successfully supplied by Bro. W. A. Spurlock. More than fifty have been converted, and several have professed the blessing of perfect love.

This portion of the Visalia district, geographically, belongs to the Santa Barbara district, and, in my judgment, should be added thereto, in order to make a more equal division of labor.

Mariposa and Yosemite are still unexplored by us.

I have striven to give some idea of each charge, from which you can see that we are striving to occupy the field, but it is painful to know that there are many growing communities yet unoccupied by us. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. This is no doubt the hardest district to supply on the Pacific coast, simply because there is a locality or two where there is considerable malaria from which our preachers have taken alarm. Hence the great rush for the coast. Our preachers who are there are not frightened at this, especially this year. We are all in good health and the Lord has been with us.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM BLAND, P. E.

NO. 4. TRACT CAUSE.

Out of forty-five charges in the Conference only twenty have reported collections for this cause, amounting in the aggregate to \$25.65, for which a proper receipt is filed. Your committee offer the following:

WHEREAS—Multitudes of precious souls have been led to the Savior through the medium of religious tracts; and

WHEREAS—The Tract Society has rendered such efficient aid to our Church, in the way of printing for the Foreign Missionary work, and also of furnishing our Societies with tracts for gratuitous distribution, therefore

Resolved, First, That we earnestly commend the Tract cause to the prayerful consideration of every lover of the Savior.

Second, That we solemnly renew our pledge to observe the Disciplinary provision respecting the same.

D. A. CROWELL.

NO. 5. BIBLE CAUSE.

Your committee on the Bible Cause, after careful consideration of the subject, would respectfully report:

First, That we fully appreciate and heartily endorse the very benevolent and christian efforts of the American Bible Society to give the Holy Scriptures to every nation and people in their own mother tongue as far as possible.

Second, That we approve the plan of redistricting the Bible work on this coast, and of making each district society an Auxiliary of the Parent Society in New York.

Third, That we will, to the extent of our ability, co-operate with the Parent Society or the Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of our Conference in supplying the destitute, whether families or individuals, with the precious Bible.

Fourth, That we will welcome the authorized agents of either the Parent or Auxiliary Societies to our pulpits, for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Bible and in collecting funds for its circulation.

Fifth, We congratulate the Parent Society in its wonderful success in circulating the Bible in foreign lands, and we hail this fact as the dawn and promise of a more rapid spread of evangelical christianity throughout the world, also for the success which has attended the distribution of the scriptures in this state, as appears by report of D. S. for the year ending March 31st, 1883. Families visited, 47,527; destitute, 9,477; other individuals, 7,007; value of books, \$1,796.05, in twelve languages.

Sixth, That the persevering labors of the Rev. J. Thompson as general superintendent on this coast demands our approval and our thanks.

I. M. LEIHY.
I. W. LEACH.
H. HOLDRIDGE.

NO. 6. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your committee on the Sabbath would report as follows:

Since the sabbath is a physical, mental and moral necessity for all men, and its desecration leads to the degradation of society, it becomes the duty of the Church to maintain by all means the sacredness of God's holy day. As ministers we will seek to inculcate right views on this subject by preaching and by example. And since the legal observance can not be enforced, owing to the absence of proper laws, it is the more necessary that christians should be faithful in their example and influence, and seek to renew such legislation as will give us a sabbath undisturbed by secular employment or pleasure, and preserve to us this necessary institution.

W. NIXON.
S. J. KAHLER.

NO. 7. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society has demonstrated the great efficiency of its plans, and the utility of its objects, by assisting in the building of 3,500 Churches during the sixteen years of its existence, and at the present time is building more than one Church per day in the destitute and needy portions of the land;

AND WHEREAS, This Conference has many beautiful monuments which speak eloquently in praise of this society;

AND WHEREAS, Much of this territory embraced in this Conference is missionary ground yet to be occupied, where Church buildings are indispensable to the success of the work;

AND WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society has usually appropriated about five dollars to each dollar asked of this Conference;

AND WHEREAS, By a rule of the Society it allows a Conference to draw only in proportion to the amount said Conference pays of its apportionment;

AND WHEREAS, This Conference has *always* met its obligations to the Society; therefore,

Resolved, That we most respectfully request our presiding Bishop, also the committeeman representing the Eleventh General Conference District in the Church Extension Board, to endeavor to secure an appropriation to this Conference of at least \$2,000.

Resolved, Second, That it shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to apportion the Church Extension claims among the various charges, and report the amount to each charge at its first Quarterly Conference, and that we will raise the claim in full.

J. B. CALLAWAY.
A. M. HOUGH.

NO. 8. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The great and crying evils of intemperance, and the poverty, disgrace and sorrow caused by the liquor traffic are ever before us.

The questions that are involved in this traffic are the great issues of the day and will not down until settled by the destruction of this traffic; Therefore,

Resolved, First, We will seek by all proper methods the destruction of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, Second, That a high moral sentiment on this question is the first necessity.

Resolved, Third, That legal prohibition, backed up by an efficient public sentiment, is the end arrived at until this traffic is made felonious by law, as it is in fact, and is punished accordingly.

Resolved, Fourth, That it is the plain duty of all ministers and members of our Church to abstain from the use of wine as a beverage.

Resolved, That we will use unfermented wine for sacramental purposes.

Resolved, Sixth, That we cordially recognize the earnest and successful labor of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and will join with them in the labor of Temperance reform.

J. S. KLINE.

NO. 9. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Auditing the Presiding Elders' accounts have examined the said accounts, and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

F. S. THOMAS.
MARTIN MILLER.
E. S. CHASE.

NO. 10. CONFERENCE STEWARD'S REPORT.

Received from collections.....	\$121.30	
" " chartered fund	30.00	
" " book concern	49.00	
	<hr/> Total.....	\$200.30

Your committee recommend that Bro. Thos. Cookson be allowed the whole amount.

(Signed)

J. H. PETERS,
G. W. ELWOOD,
H. HOLDRIDGE.

NO. 11. SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Believing that there are few departments of Church work more important than the proper training of the children in the Sunday School, we do recommend that only those workers in the school be employed who lead a consistent christian life, and,

WHEREAS, There is no scripture for the separate religious education of children; and

WHEREAS, The present tendency seems to be to take children away from preaching; therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that each member of the Church becomes an active member of the Sunday School.

Resolved, That we urge upon the parents the importance of bringing their children to the preaching of the Word.

J. D. CRUM.
J. R. GREGORY.
A. N. FIELDS.

NO. 12. COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

REV. P. Y. COOL.

Bro. P. Y. Cool was born in Cayuga county, New York, May 20th, 1830. He experienced a clear conversion by the power of the Holy Spirit, when about nineteen years of age, and this event gave tone to his character, and direction to the whole future of his life. In 1850, when only twenty, young Cool came to California and took up his residence in Amador county, where he engaged in secular business and teaching, but was always an active christian. It was here that Father Owens made his acquaintance, and quickly discovered that there was other work for him to do. Brother Cool received a license to exhort from Father Owens in 1853, and this scrap of paper was preserved to the day of his death, as one of his precious treasures.

In 1854, the name of P. Y. Cool first appeared in the minutes of the California Conference, and, as he sometimes observed, he just attained his majority then, as it was twenty-one years from the time he joined that Conference to the time he became a member of the Southern California Conference by the division of the old California Conference in 1875. He was married to Miss Sarah Aram, of San Jose, in 1855, and the companionship and loving care of his devoted wife must always be taken into the account as an important factor in this unusually successful ministry of nearly thirty years.

He filled the following appointments: Volcano, Santa Cruz, San Jose, Cen-terville, Watsonville, Placerville, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Nevada, Santa Barbara District, Compton, San Diego and Florence. He was twice stationed at Volcano and twice at Santa Cruz. While at Santa Cruz he was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction. He was successful in all his charges, and in some of them his ministry was attended with extensive revivals of religion, and other marked evidences of prosperity in the Church.

He was a man of strong convictions, and thoroughly conscientious. These elements of character were prominent in his religious life. Many of the ministers will recall his Conference love-feast testimonies. How modest in his estimates of himself, how careful and well-chosen his statements of religious experience. His nature was so sensitive that it sometimes amounted to timidity. He shrank from responsibilities, and from positions of prominence and observation. A number of times he was appointed to preach before his brethren at Conference, or to make addresses at the anniversaries, but I believe he never once filled such an appointment. This great sensitiveness of his nature was due largely to his physical condition. He received an injury on one knee when a boy which made him a cripple much of his time, and a sufferer all the balance of his life, and this finally caused his death. But this apparent weakness was also an element of strength. It made him very gentle and tender in his intercourse with all, and secured a host of very warm friends in all his charges. Children were attracted to him, and loved him, and trusted him as they would a father. As Presiding Elder, the young preachers of his district were greatly influenced and helped by him. One young brother of Santa Barbara district wrote Sister Cool after his death: "He saw more fully into the peculiar trials and needs of a young preacher than any man I have met in California. As a true friend, he pointed out to me my defects and errors. His counsel was always wise, carefully weighed before given, true, earnest and helpful."

At the Conference of 1881, his health had so far declined that he took a supernumerary relation. During this year of rest he fitted him up a home in West Los Angeles, near the University, which was characteristic of the man. It is a model of neatness and refined taste. As his general health improved, towards the latter part of this year, he became restless, with a longing to be again in the pulpit and doing the work of a pastor. He remarked to the writer; "I would rather preach the Gospel than be President of the United States." At the last Conference, he desired his relation changed to effective, and was appointed to Florence charge. But though only five miles from his home, he never visited his charge.

About Conference time he had a violent return of his old knee difficulty, and from that time until his death he was a great sufferer. Much of the time he had to be kept under the influence of opiates, so that there was no opportunity for those death-bed experiences, or at least for the declarations of faith's triumphs in the last hours, which are so precious to the friends left behind, and which so thrill the Church with joy and hope. But to the multitudes who have known of the deep, conscientious, and constant christian character of Rev. P. Y. Cool, no testimonies that he might, under other circumstances, have made, would have added anything to their assurance of his glorious reward in that life where "sickness and sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more."

At 8 p. m. of Nov. 6th, his head supported in the arms of his devoted and loving wife, and surrounded by friends, this earnest christian minister, and pure, noble man, without a struggle, ceased to breathe, and was not, for God took him.

A. M. HOUGH.
F. D. BOVARD.

REV. CHARLES H. LAWTON.

Rev. Charles H. Lawton was born in Ohio, September, 1825, and died in Santa Paula, Ventura county, Cal., Sept. 5th, 1883, aged 58 years. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when he was thirteen years of age. He was very soon impressed with the duty of preaching the Gospel; and at the age of twenty, entered the Ohio Conference and was a member of that body for five years before the division which made the Cincinnati Conference, where he labored successfully for six years. Like many other young men of that day, he felt the importance of pressing to the front, and was transferred to the Upper Iowa Conference, where he labored for three years, and then came to California, where he continued to preach glad tidings of great joy to perishing men, as a member of the California Conference for ten years. He then returned to the Cincinnati Conference, and labored in the field of his early ministry until the year 1880, when he was again transferred to the Pacific coast, and made a member of the Southern California Conference, where for the last three years of his

life he has been most successful in strengthening the work of the Master in all departments. He was a Methodist preacher who took a delight in keeping the rules of the Church, who loved her doctrines, and had a deep and rich experience of the power of Christ. He was a striking example of a man filled with the mind of Christ. He sought to do just such work as he felt would have been his Master's own choice, could he have heard his voice directing him every day.

Men in every station of life, of every nationality, of every creed and of no creed—indeed, all have heard his earnest words and received help from his kind and generous hand. Particularly did he seek out the humble and the neglected, and visit and encourage the poor. The writer had the pleasure of spending a few days in Brother Lawton's company but a few months before his death, and it was indeed a rare pleasure. He proved conclusively that divine grace can so purify the human soul that every word may be spoken in love—not one harsh word, or even of the nature of a complaint, not one criticism of the brethren, lay or ministerial, but which was so seasoned by love as to be a rich example of that charity which "thinketh no evil." His last two years of labor were filled with the most incessant toil, yet like many of our noblest men, he seemed to be particularly blest with the counsel and guidance of the Holy Spirit in his last years of work, and two new churches on the Santa Paula circuit are pointing their spires heavenward as monuments of his labors.

He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Durbin, who together feel the depths of this sad bereavement, for Brother Lawton was a model husband and father; yet these are comforted by the blessed assurance that Christ gave the victory over death and the grave. His wife is the daughter of Brother and Sister McCullough, who both recently departed this life, in Denver, Colorado, and a niece of Bishop Simpson.

Bro. Lawton served the following charges: In the Cincinnati Conference, Amesville, Cincinnati and Hamar, Greenfield, Mt. Auburn, Walnut Hills, Wilmington and Harrison; in the Upper Iowa Conference, Comanche, Fort Dodge and Solon; in the California Conference, Santa Cruz, Ione City, Folsom, San Jose and San Francisco; in the Cincinnati Conference, Port Union, Middletown, New Carlisle, Camp Dennison, New Jasper, Union and Goshen, and in Southern California, Riverside and Santa Paula.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hamline in 1848, and Elder by Bishop Morris in 1850.

A good man, a faithful minister and successful preacher has gone to his reward.

NO. 13 ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

Your Committee on our Publishing Interests beg leave to submit the following report:

The exhibit of our Book Concern shows that the publishing interests of the Church are in a healthy, prosperous condition. We are highly gratified to learn that our Book Depository, located at San Francisco, is on a sound financial basis; that its business is rapidly increasing under the wise and efficient management of Rev. J. B. Hill, and that the *C. C. Advocate* is now self-supporting.

An earnest, determined effort should be made to greatly increase the circulation of our literature. A thorough canvass of our charges should be commenced at once, and at least one of our papers be placed in each family, if possible. The *C. C. Advocate* should have the precedence.

Our people should also be supplied with the books of our press. It is a lamentable fact that in many of our households there is not even the beginning of a Christian library. In consequence of this want of religious reading our people are living in shameful ignorance of the doctrines, institution, government, work and history of the Church, her great and good men and women, and are without a most important means of spiritual life and growth, as well as intellectual culture. The evils of this are innumerable and great. We should at once remedy these, by getting into the homes of the Church all of our books that we can.

We should regard it as our imperative duty to do what we can to make our people a reading, intelligent people. And in order to do this, as ministers, we should be examples. We should liberally supply ourselves with the papers and periodicals of the Church. It is not enough that we take the *C. U. Advocate*; we should have one or more of our great Eastern papers. One has well said: No minister is fit to be made a P. E. who does not take the *Christian Advocate*. So say we; and the pastor who does not weekly read at least one of our leading papers, is poorly prepared to lead and instruct his flock.

The *Quarterly Review* should be read by every preacher. Not one should be without it. And in the matter of buying and reading our books we should go before our people. We should aim to make ourselves as intelligent and thoroughly educated, as well as deeply pious, a ministry as possible. Thus will we be true examples to our churches, and with them build up our great publishing interests and entire Zion.

A word in regard to our Sunday School publications. Let our Sunday Schools be furnished well with our own supplies, and let none others supplant them. Let our libraries be filled with books from the shelves of our Book Concerns and Depositories. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will circulate as widely as possible all the publications of our Church.

Last, but not least, we recommend that our Delegates to General Conference urge the re-election of Rev. B. F. Crary, D. D., to be editor of the *California Christian Advocate*. (Signed)

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.
E. S. CHASE.
F. D. BOVARD.
F. S. WOODCOCK.

NO. 14. EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

It is with sense of profound gratitude to Almighty God that we turn your thoughts to the educational work of the University of Southern California.

The last year has been one of widening and deepening interest throughout the whole bounds of our Conference. The regular attendance has increased nearly one hundred per cent. We believe the highest success of this Conference depends on the success of this educational enterprise. We therefore solicit a warm and an abiding place in your affections and prayers. It should infuse new courage into our anxious hearts, when we remember that nearly forty students have been converted to God. This we interpret as the seal of Heaven, and we know therefore from this baptism of the Holy Ghost that God is pleased with this young, growing, hopeful Institution. This year we are to make extraordinary efforts along the line of this work.

In obedience to the suggestions of the General Conference in regard to the CENTENNIAL OF METHODISM, we would make the following recommendations:

1ST. That we most heartily endorse the proposition from the Board of Directors to make an earnest effort to raise at least \$25,000 (or an average of \$10 per member) for the erection of a new college building.

2D. Since a place has been suggested for the organization of certain Literary Societies to aid in this general work of Education, we recommend the adoption of the plan set forth in our book of Discipline for the organization of Lyceums, with such modification as may be thought necessary by the pastor and college agent to conserve the immediate interests of the Centennial Building Fund.

3D. Since the Board of Directors have recommended the appointment of Rev. A. M. Hough College Agent, we therefore most heartily and sincerely pledge him our co-operation; we will open our churches to him; we will send him the names of those we think likely to give to this Centennial Fund; we will assist him in the organization of these Lyceums; we will help in the places of public meetings.

4TH. We recommend that each preacher in charge hold at least four educational meetings during the year, and, if practical, once a month. On these occasions he is urged to avail himself of the assistance of the President or College Agent, or some person conversant with the University work.

5TH. It is further recommended that these meetings, whenever practical, be held on the occasion of the Quarterly meetings.

6TH. We would recommend the readoption of last year's resolutions in regard to the Visiting Committee:

"That the name standing first on the list shall be considered Chairman of the Committee. In order that the work of this Visiting Committee to the University may have the greatest efficiency possible, we recommend that the Conference give the following instructions for their guidance: They shall, if practicable, visit the University once each term, and at least on the Anniversary occasions; seek an intimate acquaintance with the educational disciplinary, financial and religious workings of the Institution; attend such meetings of the Board of Directors as shall be held at Commencement time: observe and study all the educational interests of the Conference, as related to the success of the University; and make the following Annual reports: A. To the Students, Faculty and assembled friends, at such convenient and appropriate time as can be arranged with the President. B. To the Board of Directors at their last annual meeting at the University. C. To the *Christian Advocate*, published at New York, and the *California Christian Advocate*. D. To the Conference.

"If any member of the Committee finds it impracticable for him to serve, he shall at once notify the Chairman, whose duty it shall be to supply his place by the appointment of another member of the Conference, who shall hold office until the next election."

7TH. The following brethren are named as a suitable Board of Visitors:

Rev. R. W. C. Farnsworth, Rev. C. G. Belknap, Rev. E. S. Chase, Rev. B. F. Bresee, Rev. T. E. Robinson, G. W. Elwood.

The following persons are named for Directors for the coming year:

Rev. John B. Green, Rev. A. M. Hough, Rev. Chas Shelling, Rev. W. A. Knighton, Hon. P. M. Green, Hon. S. C. Hubbel, Hon. R. M. Widney, E. F. Spence, H. C. Sigler, Hon. G. Wiley Wells, Rev. A. W. Bunker.

According to the Laws of the State of California, the legal Directors of all corporations are limited to eleven, but it is thought advisable to augment the strength and influence of the University as much as possible, and in obedience to the action of the Board of Directors, we would nominate the following Associate Directors:

Ex-Gov. John G. Downey; Hon. T. R. Bard, Hueneme; Dr. C. Whittier, Riverside; A. C. Buffington, Newport; Rev. F. E. Kellogg, Santa Barbara; A. B. Lane, Grangeville; Dr. Chas. Brown, Pomona; C. H. Bradley, Los Angeles.

8TH. We recommend that the Bishop be requested to appoint some member of the Conference to preach a sermon on Ministerial Education at the time of our next session.

M. F. COLBURN,
F. D. BOVARD,
JNO. McKELVEY,
F. S. WOODCOCK,
R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.

NO. 15. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE:

Dear Fathers and Brethren: —We beg leave to present herewith the annual report of the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California.

We have endeavored to discharge the duties of our position in the fear of God, with zeal for the cause of higher Christian education, and with especial love for our young University. We have brought to this work all the resources we could control. We have given it our thought, our time, our prayers. We have held eighteen meetings during the year, and have done a proportionate amount of Committee work. We have endeavored to assist the Faculty; to provide money; to awaken enthusiasm; to create favorable sentiment; to shape the University career; to guard its relations to the Conference and to other educational influences; to plan for its future. You will bear with us while we thus commend ourselves, for we wish it not to be thought that we have felt our responsibilities lightly, or met them triflingly.

We recognize, with devout gratitude, the Divine mercy which has prospered the school even beyond our expectations; a prosperity attended with great effort, on the part of the Faculty and friends, and a prosperity, in spite of serious and constantly felt financial weakness, yet real, fruitful, permanent. Our relations with the Faculty have been harmonious and pleasant. They have been abundant in labors, and success has attended them. We mention but a few items of their reports to us. There has been in attendance during the year, in all departments, 212 students, in the government and instruction of whom all the teachers have given universal satisfaction. Under our contract with the Brothers Bovard they take the income of the school and bear its expenses. They report receipts of \$4,381.45. After paying the other teachers, advertising, fuel, and many incidental expenses, the balance left them as a financial return for their responsible and arduous labors has been about \$1,300—an amount so small that we are sorry to mention it as the salary of two of our most useful brethren.

We would that our resources were such as would permit our supplementing their receipts.

We think at least that our Conference should, by a liberal collection, take part of the burden of the running expenses of the school from their shoulders.

We congratulate the Conference that these brethren will remain in charge of the school during the next year.

Our relations with the Endowment Trustees have also been pleasant. Their report, which will be presented to you in proper form, will show you the condition of their trust. At their suggestion, our Auditing Committee made a careful examination of their books and accounts, and report to us that their books are correct, funds safely invested and properly administered.

We take pleasure in stating that Mr. E. F. Spence has recently endowed a scholarship by the gift of \$600, thus opening the privileges of the school to some worthy student forever. We hope this generous example will soon, and often be imitated by men of means in our community,

We report, with sadness, the death of one of the Conference visitors, Rev. P. Y. Cool, who died at his home, near the University, November 6th, 1882. We regret that the instructions of the Conference to the Visiting Committee were not complied with, as no report from that committee has reached us. It is important that this be attended to hereafter.

During the year, offers came to us for the endowment of a College of Agriculture, by the Messrs. Chaffey of Ontario, who proposed donating nearly 400 acres of valuable land for this purpose. The deed of trust is somewhat similar to that of the University. The funds of the College are entirely separate from those of the University, while the management of the educational department is under a Board of Regents, the majority of whom are Directors of the University, and the President of the University is also President *de facto* of the College. We freely discussed the terms of the deed, holding frequent and protracted meetings for that purpose, and our final action, as appears from the minutes, was the acceptance of this new trust.

The College Campus and buildings have been deeded to us by Trustees. They are valued at \$22,000, and are in good condition.

We rejoice to report that the present building is entirely inadequate to accommodate the school as we expect it to be next year. It is an evidence of our

prosperity that in three years we have increased so much that new buildings are a necessity, if we meet the promise of future growth and fill the expectations of those to whom we look for patronage.

We have decided that a large, commodious and permanent building should be erected at the earliest possible date. There is need of it; we believe it possible to erect it; we *must* erect it soon.

At least \$22,000 should be provided for by the Conference for this purpose. The time seems propitious. Our Centennial year is upon us; it is a most appropriate time for making notable commemorative gifts; the cause fitting, benevolent, glorious, and the Church should honor God and herself by a monument of her love for the cause of higher Christian education. We have endeavored to mature plans for your consideration, looking to the attainment of this object. These will be presented to you at the proper time.

Our Treasurer reported, June 18th, 1883, that his total receipts had been \$432, of which only \$375 represents the cash income from the Endowment Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary of Board of Directors.

NO. 16. REPORT OF ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS TO SEPTEMBER 8th, 1883.

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 1,203.67
Loans on Notes and Mortgages.....	1,590.00
Contracts for sale of lots bearing 8 per cent. interest.....	19,885.92
Hodge Hall and furnishing.....	5,600.00
Campus building and furnishing.....	22,000.00
Unsold lots, 165 present selling price, \$300 each.....	49,500.00
Total assets.....	\$99,779.59

DEBTS, NONE.

The above does not include about \$1000 interest, due October 2d, 1883.

A. M. HOUGH, M. M. BOVARD,
J. P. WIDNEY, G. D. COMPTON,
E. F. SPENCE, R. M. WIDNEY,

Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the
University of Southern California.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND OF THE CHAFFEY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS TO SEPTEMBER 8th, 1883.

Cash in Bank.....	\$ 1,917.75
Contracts for sale of land bearing 8 per cent. interest.....	300.00
Unsold lands at present selling prices	90,000.00

Total assets.....	\$92,217.75
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DEBTS, NONE.

The Trustees expect to proceed with the erection of the first building during the coming year.

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NO. 17. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.		GERMAN DISTRICT.	
Boyle Heights	\$ 100.00	The District	\$ 550.00
Grace Church	250.00	Los Angeles	200.00
San Gabriel	100.00	Santa Barbara	400.00
San Jacinto	175.00	San Luis Obispo	350.00
Newhall	175.00		
Westminster	100.00		
National City and Poway.....	100.00		
Total.....	\$1,000.00	Total.....	\$1,500 00

APPORTIONMENTS.

Santa Barbara district	\$ 150.00	Visalia district.....	\$350.00
Ventura circuit	150.00	Bakersfield and Tehachipi	150.00
San Buena Ventura circuit	150.00	Tulare	100.00
Goleta	125.00	Plano	150.00
Los Alamos circuit	150.00	Kernville	125.00
Santa Maria circuit	100.00	Visalia	150.00
Paso Robles circuit	150.00	Hanford	100.00
Cambria circuit	125.00	Fresno	100.00
Jolon circuit	125.00	Selma	75.00
Soledad	125.00	Merced	200.00
		Central Point.....	150.00
Total.....	\$1,350.00	Total	\$1,650.00

I approve of the above missions and appropriations.

H. W. WARREN.

NO. 18. ANNUAL ADDRESS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE M. E. CHURCH WITHIN ITS BORDERS:

Dearly Beloved:—It is again our pleasure to address you, in words of fraternal greeting and pastoral counsel.

In so doing receive not our words as merely a part of our formal proceedings, but as growing out of a sincere desire for your spiritual welfare. Our pastoral relation to you is important and sacred, and is yearly strengthened by personal contact and friendship. In all your pleasures and sorrows we participate; our lives are spent in your service; “ye are our glory and joy.” It is our first duty to congratulate you on the excellent reports of the Presiding Elders of the different Districts of our Conference. They bring to us the cheering intelligence of the religious growth of our body and valuable acquisitions to your numbers. The report of revivals of religion in different charges in our Conference field has gladdened our hearts. In those hallowed labors, which have resulted in the conversion of souls, you have largely shared, and as in the joy of a rich harvest you have participated with us, your pastors, so with us unite in giving the glory unto God our Savior, to whom only belongeth glory and praise. The success resulting from our united efforts should strengthen our conviction that we need not depart from the methods of work long familiar to Methodism. Personal invitation to the sanctuary, animated singing, fervent prayer, faithful and pointed presentation of the great truths of the Gospel, personal and cheerful testimony to the goodness and grace of God: these accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit now, as in days long past, are powerful agencies for good. Ever remember that the universal offer of a free salvation through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ has its ancient mighty power, and it is the duty of the members, as well as the ministry to cry, “Behold the Lamb!” Your pastors observe, with great rejoicing, the increase of numbers and interest in the Sabbath Schools. As in these nurseries of the Church the souls of the children may be well cared for, we urge the presence and co-operation of the parents and older members of our families, that

there may be no lack of suitable instructors. We commend, in all our schools, the use of those important helps to the study of the Scriptures which have been so generously provided by our own Church; and for our libraries only such books as your pastors can approve, that thereby the youth of our families may enjoy the blessings of a pure literature. That, as Methodists, you may manifest an intelligent piety, and may understand the work and needs of our Church, we are impressed that in each Methodist home should be found a copy of some religious paper, and recommend the *California Christian Advocate*, so ably edited by Rev. B. F. Crary, D. D., as admirably adapted to the wants of our families on the Pacific coast. In too many instances our people are utterly ignorant of what is going on in the Church of their choice, and of necessity must remain so until our Conference organ shall make its weekly visit.

We congratulate the members of our societies on the payment of many church debts, the erection of new churches and parsonages, and important improvements in church property. It is a liberal piety which provides comfortable parsonages in which the pastors may dwell, and convenient churches in which the people may enjoy the exalted privilege of Divine Worship. We urge upon you continued liberality that our work may be in no way hampered for want of means. Beyond the bounds of our own Conference we have a work to perform; "The field is the world." Let us anticipate the day when we shall meet the untaught multitudes of the heathen world before the great white throne. Remember the inexhaustible claims of our dear Redeemer, and that, in giving up our account to Him, it will not be a matter of regret that we made some sacrifices that the knowledge of Christ crucified might be extended in the earth.

We call attention to the work of our Society, in providing suitable education for our Methodist families. Any well considered attempt to supply this want should be heartily welcomed by our people. THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, under the fostering care of our Annual Conference, is now well-established in Los Angeles, and its doors are open for the reception of students. This Institution claims your patronage and support. It is most pleasantly situated, in a most delightful climate; every comfort has been provided for your sons and your daughters; an efficient corps of teachers, under the direction of President M. M. Bovard, M. A., are prepared to give careful attention to primary and superior education. We have been pained to find that the children of some of our people have been deliberately placed under influences unfriendly, not only to Methodism, but to all vital godliness. Such mistakes cannot but prove disastrous. Let us be loyal to our institutions of learning, these great sources of intellectual and moral strength. Permit us to call attention to the importance of *family religion*. In these days of restless activity, great dangers threaten family devotion. Many of us in looking back to our youth remember the unbroken regularity, the tranquil order, the simple but fervent prayer, and the conscious blessing which characterized family devotion in the earlier days of Methodism. Let us see to it, brethren, that these things are more than hallowed memories; maintain them as living realities in the present. The promise is "unto you and your children;" dedicate them to the Lord in Baptism, and bear them to Him daily at the Throne of Grace. In conclusion, be reminded that the religious difficulties of these days need cause the Church no anxiety or fear. There is nothing in opposition to our holy religion which is new in principle; nothing which the Church of God has not successfully met. Arrogant formalism and elaborate ceremonialism—the leaven of the Pharisees; cold intellectual or scientific unbelief—the leaven of the Sadducees—*these things* are not new in principle, however they may vary in detail of manifestation. The enemies of the Cross have been overcome again and again; let the victories of the past nerve you to renewed effort. "Gird yourself for the conflict." "Quit you like men; be strong." We ask you to "pray for us." The demands upon the ministry multiply. Our life is not one of leisure, but of strained activity. Hold up our hands by continual prayer, that we may enjoy those blessings which we, as your pastors, long to dispense to the flock. Finally, brethren, *farewell*. "The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousandfold more than you are and bless you as He hath promised you."

By order and in behalf of the Conference.

F. M. PICKLES,
T. S. UREN,

Committee.

NO. 19. COMMITTEE ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

FIRST, That we are in full accord with the spirit and object of the Freedman's Aid Society.

SECOND, That we will endeavor to raise the amount of \$150, as apportioned to this Conference.

THIRD, That we will labor to awaken a profounder interest in this great work in the communities where we may labor, and in our own Church in particular.

I. M. LEJHY,
E. S. CHASE,
J. B. CALLAWAY,
Committee.

NO. 20. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CAUSE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the cause of missions, would present the following report:

The command of our Savior to disciple all nations, clearly indicates the mind of the Lord relative to the cause of missions. In fact, it is but another name for the cause of Christ, for they are synonymous. God has clearly indicated in His blessed word, the course to be pursued by His Church in lifting up the world to Himself. And in no period of the history of our race has such an interest been awakened in this great work, as at the present time. There seems to be but one embarrassment in meeting the requirements of our Lord, as enunciated in the great commission. The field is white for the harvest, and laborers, consecrated to God, are ready to give themselves up to be used as the Church may direct. But in this material world, the cause of missions, as well as all other enterprises, requires gold and silver for its planting and support. Our domestic missions, at the present time, are demanding more than ordinary interest and attention. This field, within the bounds of our own Conference, has claims upon our Church greater than in any period of the past. As a country, we are passing through our formative state. We seem to be taking upon ourselves a more permanent character. The enemies of the cause of Christ are working hard to counteract the teachings of the Christian religion, and by breaking down the sanctity of the ho'y Sabbath, and the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, are pauperizing our citizens, and leading the youth of our fair land, as far as possible, in the way to death and hell. We need more funds to support the Gospel in sparsely settled communities, and in all our towns and cities. Our German work also is in great need of increased appropriations, to meet the growing demands of the times. We believe that liberal appropriations, at this juncture, are imperatively demanded, and that no portion of our domestic field will return larger dividends in the near future to the parent society, in proportion to its population, than this.

Resolved, Therefore, that we respectfully request those having charge of this great interest, to secure as large an appropriation for this Conference as the funds at their disposal will warrant.

C. G. BELKNAP,
M. M. BOVARD,
A. N. FIELDS,
Committee.

NO. 21. PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE

Of the Southern California Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Los Angeles, California, on the 7th day of September 1883.

The Conference assembled in the German M. E. Church, at 10 A. M. on Friday, the 7th day of September, 1883, the Southern California Conference then

being in the third day of its session at the Fort Street M. E. church, in the same city.

Conference was called to order by H. C. Sigler, of University church, who nominated W. H. Johnson, of Santa Barbara, as chairman, and on motion, Mr. Johnson was elected.

C. H. Bradley, of Los Angeles, was elected Secretary.

Bro. L. C. Clark led the Conference in prayer.

The Secretary called the list of delegates, and the credentials of the following delegates were presented:

Richard Holland, Ventura.	
J. C. Zahn, German M. E. church, Los Angeles.	
A. C. Buffington, Cambria circuit, San Luis Obispo county.	
T. S. Whaley, Compton, Los Angeles District.	
Peter Vandemuler, Santa Ana.	"
L. C. Clarke, East Los Angeles,	"
J. C. Hill, Westminster,	"
Marcus Serrott, Florence.	"
John Hickey, Bakersfield, Visalia District.	
G. W. B. McDonald, Poway Valley, Los Angeles District.	
P. M. Green, Pasadena.	"
H. L. R. Stiles, Grace M. E. C.	"
George Crawford, Riverside,	"
W. H. Johnson, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara District.	
H. C. Sigler, University church, Los Angeles District.	
C. H. Bradley, Fort Street,	"
J. E. McComas, Pomona,	"
F. M. Cummings, Visalia.	"
Geo. B. Adams, San Gabrie,	"
E. C. Knight, Santa Monica,	"
J. H. Anderson, San Diego.	

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions, consisting of Bros. McDonald, Hill, and Sigler.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions presented the following, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The removal of the "time limit" from the pastoral term would touch, damagingly, our system of itinerancy, and create caste among the preachers, and lead to the use of unpleasant methods to obtain and retain positions; and,

WHEREAS, It would remove the constitutional aid we now have in removing an unacceptable pastor, causing strife and estrangement in such a case; and

WHEREAS, it is safe to let well enough alone; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Lay Delegates of the Southern California Conference in its Lay Electoral College assembled, are opposed to any extension of the present time limit of the pastorate, and that we hereby instruct our Lay Delegate to the General Conference to so vote.

Resolved, That we hereby instruct our Delegate to the General Conference, to vote for the re-election and appointment of Rev. Dr. Crary to the editorship of the *California Christian Advocate*.

G. W. B. McDONALD, Chairman.

The Conference proceeded to nominate candidates for Representatives to the General Conference to be held at Philadelphia, Penn., in May, 1884.

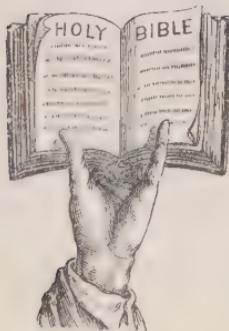
Hon. G. Wiley Wells and H. C. Sigler were placed in nomination. Bro. H. C. Sigler having declined the nomination, on motion, Hon. G. Wiley Wells was unanimously elected as Delegate, and G. B. Adams was also unanimously elected Reserve.

A committee, consisting of Rev. E. S. Chase and Rev. G. H. Bolinger, from the Southern California Conference, presented the greetings of that body and invited the Lay Electoral Conference to a seat with them.

The business for which we had met being accomplished, on motion, Conference adjourned.

W. H. JOHNSON, President.

C. H. BRADLEY, Secretary.



NO. 1—STATISTICS FOR LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR 1883.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.	8	90	2	2	8	1	1	\$ 6,000	1	\$ 1,000	3	230 00				1	9	89	\$ 49.60	\$14.05	\$ 63.65	\$ 7.25	\$ 3.15	\$ 4.00		\$4,225 00				
Santa Barbara.....	5	45	2	2	2	1	1	1,200	1	300	53 00	\$186 00	\$350 00			1	7	54	8 00	8 00	50	50	50	1 00	2 00	50	\$1,099 25	\$5 75	\$153 00		
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Venture Circuit.....	21	49	1	4	1	1	3,000	1,000	85 00	20 00				1	18	140	9 20	15 30	24 50	1 50	14 60	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 30	855 00	7 00	24 00
San Luis Obispo.....	5	47	1	1	1	1	1,500	1	1,000	60 00	20 00	50 00		1	19	60	20 00	5 00	25 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1,205 00	108 40	
Goleta.....	9	57	1	1	1	1	900	1	500	\$15 00	10 00	15 00			2	14	115	18 00	18 00	2 00	1 00	3 50	824 00	10 00	50 00		
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Cambria.....	5	35	1	1	3	1	1	500	400 00	39 00	100 00	2	7	70	6 00	6 0	75	25	40	60	1 50	50	485 25	1 00	18 00					
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VISALIA DISTRICT.

VISALIA DISTRICT	25	2	1	1	\$2,500	1	1,200 00	.	\$160 00	\$795 00	1	3	20	\$13 85	\$ 3 75	\$ 17 60	\$ 3 00	\$2 55	\$ 1 65	\$ 2 50	\$3 35	\$2 25	\$ 2 60	\$ 350 00						
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Merced	1	15	.	.	1	2,000	1	750 00	650 00	.	3	27	110	5 00	.	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 75	.	1 95	20 00	532 00	2 00	30 00					
Kresno	4	42	2	1	550 00	4 00	20 00				
Mariopova						
Jolon						
San Benito						
Selma	3	29	.	2	2	3 00	.	3 00	.	1 00	22 00						
Tulare City	20	245 05						
Central Point	2	11	1	4	.	1	2,000	1	300 00	300 00	100 00	1,300 00	1	10	45	.	3 00	.	3 00	500 00						
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RECAPITULATION.

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Los Angeles District	167	1487	25	13	25	77	20	\$78,306	11	\$13,950	\$16,773	0	\$1521 00	\$2,930 00	20	241	1910	\$534 91	\$155 99	\$740 00	\$76 20	\$145 75	\$16 00	\$17 5	\$33 10	\$257 60	\$14 00	\$716 00	\$11,927 22	\$70 25	\$3,192 99
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N. M. LEARNED.....	Minneapolis Minn
S. J. KAHLER.....	Fresno Cal
B. F. EDWARDS.....	Azusa Cal
F. D. MATHER.....	Pomona Cal
T. E. ROBINSON.....	Compton Cal
J. H. WHITE.....	San Buena Ventura Cal
A. L. DEARING.....	Santa Ana Cal
T. D. LEWIS.....	Travel Cal
E. W. VAN DEVENTER.....	Los Angeles Cal
THOS. B. BRADSHAW.....	
O. L. BAIRSTOW.....	
E. N. CURRIER.....	Florence Cal
GEO. W. JAMES.....	
H. H. HALL.....	San Luis Obispo Cal
Wm. SCHULDF.....	Los Angeles Cal
W. F. WENK.....	Bellards Cal
F. S. THOMAS.....	Cambria Cal
M. L. WHITEMORE.....	Jolon Cal
CHAS. W. STOWELL.....	Merced Cal
J. A. WACHOB.....	Los Angeles Cal
G. W. WHITE.....	San Gabriel Cal
C. W. F. NELSON	Hueneme Cal

Probationers.

GEORGE F. BOVARD.....	Orange Cal
V. A. HENRY.....	Garden Grove Cal
S. J. FLEMING.....	Ontario Cal

JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

The Southern California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in its Ninth Annual Session in Fort Street M. E. Church, Los Angeles, California, Thursday, September 18th, 1884, at 9 o'clock, A. M., Bishop C. D. Foss, D. D., presiding.

At the last session of the Conference it was voted to hold the present session at the University Church, but owing to the date of the session, being appointed two weeks later than was expected, and it being impracticable to entertain the Conference after the opening of the University, the pastors interested, and the Presiding Elders of the Los Angeles District, ordered the above change in place of meeting, under authorization of paragraph 76 of Discipline.

Devotional services consisting of reading the Scriptures, singing, prayer, and the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper were conducted by the presiding officer, Bishop C. D. Foss, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The Conference Roll was called by the former Secretary, and the following thirty-nine members answered to their names: A. M. Hough, Adam Bland, J. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, F. S. Woodcock, M. M. Bovard, John B. Uren, W. A. Knighten, J. D. Crum, J. H. Peters, Chas. Shelling, O. S. Frambes, F. D. Bovard, H. Holdridge, J. B. Calloway, S. B. Guiberson, E. S. Chase, R. W. C. Farnsworth, N. M. Larned, S. J. Kahler, T. E. Robinson, A. L. Dearing, J. A. McMillan, G. H. Bolinger, Wm. Nixon, A. W. Bunker, A. N. Fields, M. F. Colburn, G. W. Elwood, J. S. Kline, Martin Miller, Charles Leach, P. F. Bresce, D. Cobb, A. H. Summers, B. F. Edwards, F. D. Mather, J. H. White, T. Lewis.

John B. Green was re-elected Secretary, and John A. Peters, Assistant; W. F. Wenk, Statistical Secretary, and Wm. Nixon, Assistant.

The following transfers were announced: E. N. Currier, a Deacon of the second class; Geo. W. James, a Deacon of the first class; E. W. Van Deventer, Thos. B. Branshaw, and Ormand L. Barstow, Elders, all from the Nevada Conference.

The following ministers were introduced: E. N. Currier, E. W.

Van Deventer, and C. W. F. Nelson.

The Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees, reported as follows, and the nominations were approved:

Education—P. F. Bresee, M. F. Colburn, T. E. Robinson, J. B. Green, W. A. Knighten, Chas. Leach, O. S. Frambes, S. J. Kahler, J. S. Kline, M. M. Bovard, A. M. Hough, H. H. Hall.

Sunday School Union—J. R. Gregory, T. S. Uren, J. McKelvey.

Church Extension—E. S. Chase, F. D. Bovard, F. S. Woodecock, Wm. Schuldert, J. A. McMillan.

Bible Cause—A. N. Fields, J. W. Leach, I. M. Leahy.

Observance of the Sabbath—J. B. Calloway, A. S. Dearing, S. B. Guiberson.

Temperance—A. W. Bunker, J. H. White, C. W. Stowell.

Tract—J. McKelvey, F. D. Mather, F. S. Thomas.

Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders—H. H. Hall, B. F. Edwards, J. B. Calloway.

Pastoral Address—W. A. Knighten, D. A. Crowell, M. Miller.

Missionary Cause—G. H. Bolinger, H. H. Hall, M. Miller.

Post Offices—C. W. Tarr.

Publishing Interests—M. F. Colburn, Chas. Leach, C. G. Belknap.

Conference Stewards—F. S. Woodecock, G. W. Elwood, J. D. Crum, J. A. McMillan.

Publishing Minutes—J. B. Green, E. S. Chase.

Collecting Money for Publishing Minutes—C. W. Tarr, J. H. White, F. D. Mather.

Freedmen's Aid Society—O. S. Frambes, A. H. Summers, H. Hollridge.

Missions—The Presiding Elders.

Public Worship—The pastors of Los Angeles Church and the Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society—H. H. Hall, W. M. Schuldert, T. E. Robinson.

Episcopal Fund—The Presiding Elders.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows: Business session to begin at 8:30 o'clock A. M. and to be preceded by a half hour prayer service. Adjournment at 11:45 o'clock A. M., except on Saturday when the hour of adjournment shall be 11 o'clock.

The Conference Bar was fixed at the sixth row of seats from the altar.

The President informed the Conference that it could draw on

the Chartered Fund for \$30.00 and on the Book Concern Fund for \$69.00. Drafts were so ordered.

Communications were received and disposed of as follows:

From Board of Education, referred to Committee on Education.

From Book agents, announcing apportionment to this Conference of \$310.00 to be raised for the Episcopal fund, referred to Presiding Elders with instructions to apportion the amount among the charges, and report the same to this Conference. From Secretaries Freedmen's Aid Society, referred to Committee on Freedman's Aid Cause.

From Book Concern, relating to Preacher's accounts. Rev. John B. Hill was appointed a committee to take charge of all preachers' account from Book Concern, and they were referred to him.

From Book Committee, referred to Committee on Publishing Interests.

On motion of E. S. Chase, it was ordered that when the names of Preachers are called under the Twentieth Question, that each one report his Missionary collection, and if all other collections were taken.

Question Twentieth—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. As each Presiding Elder was called he stated that the Disciplinary instruction in regard to the Benevolent Collections has been complied with.

Adam Bland, Presiding Elder of the Visalia District read a report of his work and his character was passed. Also that of the following effective Elders: J. S. Kline, J. B. Calloway, J. S. Kahler, John McKelvey, J. W. Leach, Martin Miller, J. A. McMillan and C. G. Belknap.

Daniel Cobb, Presiding Elder of the Santa Barbara District, was called, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also the character of the following effective Elders: F. S. Woodcock, A. N. Fields, Wm. A. Knighten and C. Leach.

On motion of S. J. Kahler a Committee on Conference relations was ordered, to be nominated by the Bishop.

The case of G. W. Story was on motion of Adam Bland, referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

On motion of Daniel Cobb the case of H. Holdridge was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

G. H. Bolinger read a report of the German District, and his character was passed. R. W. C. Farnsworth, Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District, read a report of his work and his character was passed. Also the character of the following effective Elders:

B. F. Edwards, T. E. Robinson, G. W. Elwood, E. S. Chase, Chas. Shelling, P. F. Bressee, W. M. Learned, M. F. Colburn, J. D. Crum, J. B. Green, A. W. Bunker, Wm. Nixon, T. S. Uren, D. A. Crowell, A. L. Dearing, M. M. Bovard, F. D. Bovard, A. M. Hough and T. D. Lewis.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, D. A. Crowell and W. M. Learned were granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion the time was extended.

On motion of T. E. Robinson it was ordered that the collection for the building fund of the University be reported in tabulated form in the report of the Committee on Education.

J. D. Crum was appointed Conference Treasurer.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and Bishop Foss pronounced the Benediction.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 19.

The Conference opened at 8. A. M. with devotional services conducted by Bishop Foss.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Roll of absentees was called and J. R. Gregory and T. S. Uren answered to their names.

On motion the further call of the Roll was dispensed with.

The Committee on Conference Relations ordered yesterday was announced as follows: A. M. Hough, President, M. M. Bovard, J. B. Callaway, E. S. Chase and P. F. Bresee.

Question Third—"Who remain on trial?" was taken up. George F. Bovard, and Victor A. Henry were called. Their characters were passed, the Committee of Examination reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders and continued on trial.

Question Thirteenth—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?" was taken up. J. H. White, O. S. Frambes and A. H. Summers were called. Their characters passed, they were reported on by the Committee and advanced.

Question Fourteenth—"What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up. F. D. Mather was called. His character was passed, the Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

Question Eighteenth—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?"

was taken up. J. M. Campbell and I. M. Leihy were called, their characters were passed, and their relation continued. S. B. Guberson, C. W. Tarr and J. H. Peters were called, their characters passed, and the question of their Conference relation was, at their own request referred to the Committee on Conference relations. H. J. Shaffner was called, his character was passed, and he was granted a superannuated relation.

Question Nineteenth—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. A. Higbie was called, his character passed, and his relation continued.

J. H. Book was called, his character passed, and the question of relation was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

Question Tenth—"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up. None.

R. M. Kirkland, a local Deacon surrendered his certificate of ordination and it was ordered filed.

Question Fifth—"Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up. Wm. Schuldt, Wilbur F. Wenk, F. S. Thomas, M. L. Whitmore and C. W. Stowell were called and addressed by the Bishop.

The Committee of Examination reported and the Presiding Elder represented Wm. Schuldt and he was admitted into full connection, he being already a Deacon. The Committee reported, Presiding Elders represented W. F. Wenk, F. S. Thomas and M. L. Whitmore, W. F. Wenk and F. S. Thomas were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's Orders.

Reports from the Trustees of the Endowment Fund of the University of Southern California, and from the Trustees of the Endowment Fund of Chaffey College of Agriculture, were read and by general consent referred to the Committee on Education.

The following ministers were introduced: J. B. Hill, Book Agent, San Francisco; W. W. Bailey, and J. A. Wachob, North Ohio Conference, and H. N. Barnes, North Indiana Conference.

The notices were given, Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY, SEPT. 20.

The Conference opened at 8 A. M. with devotional exercises conducted by J. A. McMillan.

At 8:30 the Bishop took the chair.

A communication was received from Boston University, being its

Annual Catalogue, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

On the motion of P. F. Bresee, 10 o'clock this morning was fixed as the hour to receive fraternal delegates from Baptist Association, M. E. Church South, and Y. M. C. A.

Question Fifth—"Who are admitted into full connection?" was resumed. The name of M. L. Whitmore was called, his character was passed, he was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's Orders. C. W. Stowell was called, Examining committee reported, his Presiding Elder presented him, and he being already a Deacon, was admitted into full connection.

The Committee on Conference Relations reported, (See Report, No. 4) and the Conference took the following action on their recommendations.

The character of H. Holdridge was passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

The character of J. H. Peters was passed and he was made Effective.

The character of C. W. Tarr was passed and he was continued in a Supernumerary relation with work if found practicable.

The character of S. B. Guiberson was passed and he was continued a Supernumerary.

The character of J. H. Book was passed and he was continued a superannuate.

G. W. Story was accused of incubordination, and his case was referred to a select number for a trial.

On motion of Adam Bland a select number of eleven was ordered to try above case, and the Bishop was requested to nominate the same.

W. A. Knighten and E. S. Chase were appointed counsel for G. W. Story.

The Conference Stewards were granted leave to retire.

The order of the day was taken up, the hearing of fraternal delegates.

Rev. A. Adams, fraternal delegate from the Los Angeles Conference of the M. E. Church South was introduced and addressed the Conference and was responded to by the Bishop.

The following ministers were introduced: W. B. Straley, M. E.

South, Los Angeles; R. W. Bailey, M. E. Church, Wilmington; G. S. Abbott, Baptist, and F. J. Culver, Secretary of the Y. M. C. Association.

Dr. B. F. Crary, editor of *C. C. Advocate*, addressed the Conference in the interest of that paper.

Question Fourteenth—"What Traveling Deacons have been elected elders?"—was resumed.

J. R. Gregory was called, his character was passed, the Examining Committee reported, and he was elected to Elder's Orders.

The following selected number was nominated by the Bishop to try the case of G. W. Story: S. J. Kable, J. A. McMillan, J. B. Callaway, Chas. Leach, Chas. Shelling, M. F. Colburn, T. E. Robinson, A. L. Deming, M. Miller, J. M. Leihy, and C. W. Tarr.

No objection being made by counsel for accused, the Conference approved the Committee.

The Bishop appointed G. W. Elwood, chairman of trial committee.

H. H. Hall, an effective Elder of the Michigan Conference was transferred to this Conference.

The Conference Steward asked permission to take a collection on Sunday morning for Bro. A. Higbee, a Conference Claimant. The collection was so ordered.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Foss.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21.

At 9 o'clock A. M., the Conference love-feast was held, conducted by D. Cobb. It was a precious "sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." At its close, the collection ordered for Bro. A. Higbie was taken, amounting to \$88.70

At 10:30 o'clock, Bishop Foss preached a sermon of great power and beauty on "The Contrasts between the Deaths of Jesus Christ and St. Paul," after which the Deacons were ordained.

The Annual Missionary meeting was held in the evening before which the Elders were ordained.

FOURTH DAY, SEPT. 22.

Conference opened at 8 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by F. D. Mather.

At 8:30 the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes of the third day were read and approved.

Certificate of ordination was presented as follows:

This is to certify that I have this day ordained Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas and Marcellus L. Whitmore as Deacons; and that assisted by Elders present, I have also ordained James R. Greg-

ory and Frank D. Mather as Elders.

Done at Los Angeles, Cal. Sept. 21, 1884.

Question Thirty-three—"Where shall the next Conference be held?" The following places were put in nomination and were represented: Santa Barbara, Fort St. Church, Los Angeles, San Diego, Yosemite and San Buenaventura. Santa Barbara was selected.

The Select Number to try the case of G. W. Story presented the minutes of the trial; the findings of the court were as follows:

"We, your Select Number to try the case of George W. Story on the charge of insubordination, do find him guilty as charged, and sentence him to suspension from his ministerial office and functions for one year.

Signed by S. J. Kahler, John A. McMillan, J. B. Callaway, Chas. Leach, Chas. Shelling, M. F. Colburn, T. E. Robinson, A. L. Dearing, I. M. Leihy and C. W. Tarr.

G. W. ELWOOD, Chairman.

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.

On motion of Adam Bland, the relation of J. W. Leach was changed from effective to supernumerary.

The Financial Agent of the University of Southern California, Rev A. M. Hough, read a report of his work. Referred to the Committee on Education.

J. B. Green read a report from the Board of Directors of the University. Referred to Committee on Education.

The following ministers were introduced: H. A. Wells, Congregational Church, Los Angeles, Wm. George of Arizona Mission, H. Z. Adams, and J. M. Jamison of the Ohio Conference.

Report of the Committee on Sunday School was presented and adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

Report of the Committee on Church Extension was read and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted. (See Report No. 7).

Rev. John Thompson, Agent of A. B. Society addressed the Conference in the interest of that Society.

On motion of D Cobb, the Conference Treasurer was instructed to put the monies of the various Benevolences in the shape of exchange on San Francisco and pay it to J. B. Hill, taking his receipt for the same.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 7:30 this evening to hold memorial services for Thos. Cookson and Bishop Simpson and that Bishop Foss be requested to

deliver an address.

F. D. Bovard presented the following resolutions on the subject of Christian Perfection adopted by the California Conference, and moved their adoption as the expression of our sentiments on the subject of promoting the teaching and experience of holiness.

Pending the discussion of the resolutions the time was extended.

After an extended discussion the previous question was called for, and on vote the resolutions were adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of "Christian Perfection and the Best Methods of Promoting It" respectfully report that they have no doubt of the fidelity of our ministers and people to the traditional and constant teaching of our fathers, and the doctrinal statements of our standards in theology in reference to the subject of "Christian Perfection." We agree with the last General Conference, that there is no reason for any restatement of our views on this subject. Wesley, Fletcher and Richard Watson are accepted authorities, and we commend them to our people, and believe that the general circulation of Wesley's "Plain Account of Christian Perfection" would correct crude and misleading views of this question. We are persuaded that our people would gladly accept the instructions of their pastors on this subject, and that they ought to be the leaders of the people into all the heights and depths of Christian experience. We cannot take any lower ground than that sin in believers may be and ought to be, extirpated by God, the Spirit, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"The end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." Perfect love which casts out fear, is not a mocking dream, nor do our doctrines and Discipline tantalize us with a baseless hope. Perfect love is a privilege and grace attainable by faith, and our pastors should be examples and teachers in this as in all things.

Your committee have seen with great concern the evil effects of the unauthorized organization of so-called "Union Holiness Bands," under the leadership of persons who are irresponsible, insubordinate,

erratic and fanatical, who reject the advice and control of pastors and official Boards, and set themselves forth as the special exponents and exemplars of holiness. The inevitable tendency of these organizations is toward dissension and schism; so much so that the National Holiness Association has severed all connection with these "Union Holiness Bands," and affirmed its determination to receive only Methodists into its fellowship and advised the members of other denominations to remain in steadfast union with their own churches. A few of our people, whose conscientiousness we cannot doubt have been drawn into these "Union Holiness Bands" and are exhausting their energies and resources in work alien to our own institutions and agencies. Therefore,

Resolved, That we approve the resolution of the National Holiness Association to confine its work, methods and membership to the Church of its own choice, and to act in harmony with pastors and churches; and we agree with it in strongly deprecating the organization of unnecessary, injurious and schismatic bodies, under pretense of promoting holiness; and we most affectionately urge the members of our churches not to involve themselves in any way with these extraneous and irregular bodies, nor become financially responsible for their enterprises, but to continue in the fellowship of their own brethren and under the godly supervision of their own Pastors.

Resolved, That it is undignified and unministerial, and contrary to our Discipline and to our obligations as pastors, to resign our functions into the hands of any other persons, or to permit any one to sow dissension in our churches, or to assume sole control of revival or other services without our immediate and constant presence and consent, and we advise our ministers and official boards to refuse the use of our churches to any parties whatever who propose to organize any society or band within the bounds of any of our charges.

Resolved, That the best methods of promoting Christian perfection are the careful and prayerful study of the holy Bible, the reading of the biographies of our people, who have lived and died in the Lord, the faithful preaching of and witnessing to "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," the constant attendance upon all the means of grace, the hearty support of our own benevolent and educational institutions, meditation upon God's promises, secret prayer, direct seeking for perfect love with implicit trust in God, and instant and constant belief that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our presiding bishop be requested to appoint a member of this Conference to deliver a sermon on Ministerial Education at its next session.

E. S. CHASE,
M. M. BOVARD.

Resolved, That our Bishop be requested to appoint from this body delegates to present our greetings to the various Evangelical bodies within the bounds of our Conference.

E. S. CHASE,
M. M. BOVARD.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by J. Thompson.

FIFTH DAY, SEPT. 23.

The Conference opened at 8 a. m., with devotional exercises conducted by F. S. Woodcock.

At 8:30 at the request of Bishop Foss, E. S. Chase took the chair.

Reports of Committees were called for.

J. B. Callaway read the report on Sabbath Observance and it was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

The Report on Temperance was read by A. W. Bunker, amended and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Pending the discussion the Bishop entered and took the chair.

On motion of F. D. Bovard all speeches were limited to three minutes.

On motion of P. F. Bresee, Mrs. L. C. Moore, of the W. C. T. U., by invitation addressed the Conference on the Temperance teaching in the Sunday School.

The Committee on Education presented their report, and it was adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The Report of the Committee on Tract Cause was read and adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

The Pastoral Address was read and referred back to the Committee for verbal changes, after which it was read and adopted. (See No.—)

The Report of the Committee on Missionary Cause was read and adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

The Committee on Publishing Interests presented a Report

which was adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Rev. J. B. Hill addressed the Conference on Depository matters.

On motion of E. S. Chase, the \$25.65 Bible money, in the hands of the Conference Treasurer was ordered to be paid to Rev. J. Thompson for the American Bible Society.

The Conference Stewards read their Report and it was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

The Committee on Publishing Minutes read a report which was approved. (See Report No. 16.)

The Committee on Raising Funds to publish minutes, reported \$32.00 subscribed, and were instructed to increase it to \$50.00 if possible.

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society read a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

The Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society read a report which was adopted. (See Report No. 18.)

Question Second—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up. Samuel. J. Fleming was recommended by the Ontario Quarterly Conference. Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder representing him, and he was admitted on trial. Albert B. Gill was recommended by the Merced Quarterly Conference. He not having appeared before the Examining Committee, his recommendation was withdrawn, and his Presiding Elder was authorized to employ him.

On motion of J. A. McMillian, the Conference Stewards were instructed to pay the money in their hands as follows:

Bro. A. Higbie to J. B. Hill.

Sister Cookson to Conference Sect.

Sister Lawton to H. Sinsabaugh.

It was moved that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 3 p. m.

A motion to adjourn was passed.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and Bishop Foss pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

Afternoon session Sept. 23.

The Conference called to order at 3. p. m. by the Bishop.

Devotional services were conducted by J. S. Kline.

The Minutes of yesterday's and this morning's sessions were read and approved.

F. C. Culver, Sect. of the Y. M. C. A., was introduced to the Con-

ference. He made a brief address.

The following transfers were announced: J. A. Wachob, an Elder of the North Ohio Conference. G. W. White, a probationer of the first year from the Iowa Conference. C. W. F. Nelson, a probationer of the second year, from Wisconsin Conference.

A. M. Hough was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion of W. A. Knighten, the Conference requested the appointment of C. G. Belknap Agent to the Tule River Indian Reservation.

On motion of A. Bland, G. W. Story was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted (See Report No. 19.)

The following nominations were read and approved:

Committees of Examinations;	(See Page 3.)
To preach Missionary Sermon;	(See Page 3.)
To preach Ministerial Education;	(See Page 3.)
Officers of Conference Societies;	(See Page 3.)

On motion of F. D. Bovard it was ordered that all candidates for admission on trial and all members of the four classes appear before the Committees on the day previous to next session of the Annual Conference.

On motion of J. S. Kline, the Presiding Elder of the Santa Barbara District, and the pastor at Santa Barbara were appointed a committee of arrangements to prepare a programme for the anniversaries at our next session, to select and notify the speakers.

The Committee on Episcopal Fund presented the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Episcopal fund Apportionment of \$310 for this Conference shall be apportioned to the Churches at the rate of eleven cents per member as reported in the statistics of this year.

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH, Sect.

The special order of the day was taken up. "How to make better provision for our Conference Claimants." By general consent J. B. Green, at the request of the Los Angeles Ministerial Association, read a paper on the support of Conference Claimant.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we endeavor to make our collection for Conference Claimants fifty cents per member next year, and that then paper read, and all other matters referring to plans for Conference Claimant's Funds be referred to a committee for consideration with instructions to report at our next Conference session.

M. M. BOVARD,
J. H. PETERS.

The following were appointed as such committee: A. M. Hough,

J. B. Green, M. M. Bovard, E. A. Pomeroy, G. W. Wells and J. B. Widney.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be a Committee on his District and he shall appoint two other brethren who together shall constitute the Centennial Committee of the District. Said committee shall fix time and place and arrange a programme for holding a Centennial District meeting at some time during the month of December, and in harmony with the sentiments of the general church we recommend that the prominent thought of such meeting shall be the raising of money for the completion of our new University building.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference Educational collection for the current year be paid to the University of Southern California as heretofore.

D. COBB,

CHAS. SHELLING,

ADAM BLAND.

Resolved, That we request the Board of Bishops in making the plan of Episcopal visitations to the fall Conference not to fix the session of Southern California Conference earlier than the 20th of Sept., nor later than the middle of Oct., and that the Conference open on Wednesday.

D. COBB,

C. SHELLING,

A. BLAND.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committees, and a committee to receive benevolent collections for next year, and they be instructed to be ready to report nominations on the morning of the first day of our next annual session.

On motion of J. B. Green, P. F. Bresee was added to the Committee on Publishing Minutes.

The motion to adjourn was carried, the Doxology was sung, and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

EVENING SESSION, SEPTEMBER 23.

The Conference met at 7:30 p. m. The devotional services were conducted by Bishop Foss, assisted by I. M. Leihy.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

The following Minute of the memorial service held last evening was presented by the Committee on Memoirs and was ordered inserted in the Journal:

A Memorial service was held at the Fort St. Church on Monday evening, September 22nd. An obituary was read of the Rev. T. S. Cookson, written by the Rev. W. S. Uren of the California Conference. As no one present knew of his personal work and history, only a passing remark was made by A. M. Hough. Also, on invitation of the Conference, a memorial address by Bishop Foss, on the death of Bishop Simpson, was given in the Bishop's impressive

style, to a large audience of deeply interested hearers.

The obituary read of P. S. Cookson was adopted as the report of the Committee on Memoirs, (See report 20).

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are hereby expressed to the Pastors and people of this city for the cordial entertainment and hearty welcome we have shared at their hands.

D. COBB,
T. E. ROBINSON.

Resolved, That we most cordially welcome Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., L. L. D. to this coast as resident Bishop, and that we will gladly receive him to our Conference when in the plan of the Board of Bishops he may come to us.

E. S. CHASE,
M. M. BOVARD
P. F. BRESEE

Resolved, That the interests of our work truly require the presence at our Conference sessions of one or more of the General Secretaries.

E. S. CHASE,
M. M. BOVARD.

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the presence and various ministrations of Bishop Foss have given us the greatest satisfaction, and will be to us a lasting blessing, and we most devoutly pray that his life and health may be preserved, and he long spared to the Church of Jesus Christ on earth. We shall thankfully welcome him when in the Providence of God he may come to our Conference again, which we trust may be at no distant day.

D. COBB,
M. M. BOVARD.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on Rules of order and business to report at our next annual session.

F. D. BOVARD.

The following were appointed :

D. Cobb, F. D. Bovard, P. F. Bresee.

Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the Secretaries for their services at this session. F. S. WOODCOCK.

On motion of J. B. Green, it was ordered that the printed minutes, when properly certified to, be the official minutes of the Conference.

It was moved that after the reading of the appointments the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop read a portion of Mark 16th, announced the 816th hymn, after the singing of which he addressed the Conference, read the appointments, and led in prayer.

The Doxology was sung and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

CYRUS D. FOSS, President.

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

1. Question. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

Answer. E. W. Van Deventer, Thos. B. Bradshaw, Ormand L. Brastow. Effective Elders: E. N. Currier, a Deacon of the second class; George W. James a Deacon of the first class; from the Nevada Conference. J. A. Wacob, an effective Elder from the North Ohio Conference; G. W. White, probationer of the first year from the Upper Iowa Conference; C. W. F. Nelson, a probationer of the second year from the Wisconsin Conference.

2. Q. Who are admitted on trial?
A. Samuel J. Flening, George W. White.
3. Q. Who remain on trial?
A. George F. Bovard, Victor A. Henry and C. W. F. Nelson.
4. Q. Who are discontinued?
A. None.
5. Q. Who are admitted into full connection?
A. Wm. Schuldt, Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas, Chas. W. Stowell and Marcellus L. Whitmore.
6. Q. Who are re-admitted?
A. None.
7. Q. Who are received on credentials from other Churches?
A. None.
8. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?
A. Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas and Marcellus L. Whitmore.
9. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?
A. Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas, and Marcellus L. Whitmore.
10. Q. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?
A. None.
11. Q. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?
A. None.
12. Q. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?
A. Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas, Marcellus L. Whitmore, George W. James.
13. Q. Who are Traveling Deacons of the second class?
A. George F. Bovard, J. H. White, Wm. Schuldt, Victor A. Henry, Chas. W. Stowell, O. S. Frambes.
14. Q. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?
A. F. D. Mather and J. R. Gregory.
15. Q. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

- A. F. D. Mather and J. R. Gregory.
16. Q. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?
A. None.
17. Q. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?
A. None.
18. Q. Who are Supernumerary Preachers?
A. J. M. Campbell, S. B. Guiberson, J. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, A. M. Hough, D. A. Crowell, J. M. Leach, G. W. Story, N. M. Learned.
19. Q. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
A. A. Higbee, J. H. Book, H. J. Shaffner.
20. Q. Was the character of each Preacher examined?
A. Yes; in open Conference.
21. Q. Have any died?
A. Thomas Cookson died August 21st, 1884.
22. Q. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference.
A. None.
23. Q. Have any withdrawn?
A. None.
24. Q. Have any located at their own request?
A. H. Holdridge.
25. Q. Have any been located?
A. None.
26. Q. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?
A. None.
27. Q. Have any been expelled?
A. None.
28. Q. Who are selected for triers of appeals?
A. J. D. Crum, F. S. Woodcock, J. H. Peters, William Nixon, E. S. Chase, T. S. Uren, W. A. Knighten.
29. Q. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?
A. See Statistical Report, appended.
30. Q. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?
A. Amount of claims not reported.
31. Q. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?
A. From Conference Collections \$288.85
 " Book Concern Fund 69.00
 " Chartered Fund 30.00
 " Special Collection at Conference 88.70
 Total \$476.55
- Disbursed as follows:
 A. Higbee, (paid to J. B. Hill) \$226.55
 Mrs. Cookson (paid to J. B. Green) 150.00
 Mrs. Lawton (paid to Sinsabaugh) 100.00
 Total 476.55
32. Q. Where are the Preachers Stationed?
A. See list of appointments.
33. Q. Where shall the next Conference be held?
A. Santa Barbara, Cal.

APPOINTMENTS.

Years on Charge.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, R. W. C. FARNSWORTH, P. E.

(Post Office Address, Los Angeles.)

Anaheim	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Antelope Valley	- - - - -	To be supplied by H. R. STEVENS.	1
Artesia and Fulton Wells	- - - - -	To be supplied " W. W. BAILEY.	1
Azusa	- - - - -	B. F. EDWARDS.	1
Compton	- - - - -	T. E. ROBINSON.	2
Cueamonga and Etiwanda	- - - - -	A. H. SUMMERS.	1
Elsinore Circuit	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Florence	- - - - -	E. N. CURRIER.	1
Garden Grove and Westminister	- - - - -	V. A. Henry.	1
Long Beach	- - - - -	G. W. ELWOOD.	1
Los Angeles—Asbury Church	- - - - -	E. S. CHASE.	2
Boyle Heights	- - - - -	J. A. WACHOB.	1
Fort Street	- - - - -	P. F. BRESEE.	2
Grace Church	- - - - -	E. W. VAN DEVENTER.	1
University	- - - - -	M. F. COLBURN.	2
Newhall	- - - - -	J. D. CRUM.	2
Newport	- - - - -	C. W. TARR.	1
Ontario	- - - - -	S. J. FLEMING.	2
Orange	- - - - -	G. F. BOVARD.	1
Pasadena	- - - - -	A. W. BUNKER.	1
Pomona	- - - - -	F. D. MATHER.	2
Poway and National City	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Riverdale and Providencia	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
Riverside	- - - - -	CHAS. SHELLING.	1
San Bernardino	- - - - -	W. M. NIXON.	2
San Diego	- - - - -	T. S. UREN.	2
San Fernando	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
San Gabriel	- - - - -	G. W. WHITE.	1
San Jacinto and Rock house	- - - - -	To be supplied by T. B. PALMER.	1
Santa Ana	- - - - -	A. L. DEARING.	1
Ssnta Monica	- - - - -	To be supplied.	
M. M. BOVARD, President, and F. D. BOVARD, Professor of University of Southern California and Members of the University Church Quarterly Conference.			

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—DANIEL COBB, P. E.

2

(P. O. Santa Barbara)

Arroyo Grande	- - - - -	To be supplied by H. J. CRALL.	1
Ballards	- - - - -	W. F. WENK.	1

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Cambria Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	F. S. THOMAS.	1
Goleta	-	-	-	-	-	J. R. GREGORY.	2
Gonzales and Soledad	-	-	-	-	-	to be supplied.	
Hueneme	-	-	-	-	-	C. W. F. NELSON.	1
Jolon	-	-	-	-	-	M. L. WHITMORE.	1
Lompoc.	-	-	-	-	-	F. S. WOODCOCK.	2
Paso Robles and Cholame,	-	-	-	-	-	A. N. FIELDS.	2
San Buena Ventura,	-	-	-	-	-	J. H. WHITE.	2
San Luis Obispo,	-	-	-	-	-	H. H. HALL.	2
Santa Barbara,	-	-	-	-	-	W. A. KNIGHTEN.	2
Santa Maria,	-	-	-	-	-	CHARLES LEACH.	2
Santa Paula,	-	-	-	-	Supplied by	STEPHEN BOWERS.	1

FRESNO DISTRICT—JOHN B. GREEN, P. E.

1

(P. O. Fresno).

Bakersfield,	-	-	-	-	-	J. H. PETERS.	1
Central Point,	-	-	-	-	to be supplied by	A. B. GILL	1
Fresno,	-	-	-	-	-	S. J. KAHLER.	2
Grangeville and Lemoore,	-	-	-	-	-	JOHN McKELVEY.	3
Hanford,	-	-	-	-	-	O. S. FRAMBES.	2
Kernville and Tehachepi,	-	-	-	-	-	ADAM BLAND.	1
Mariposa and Yosemite,	-	-	-	-	-	to be supplied.	
Merced,	-	-	-	-	-	C. W. STOWELL.	1
Plano and Alila,	-	-	-	-	-	J. B. CALLAWAY.	1
Selma Circuit	-	-	-	-	-	MARTIN MILLER.	3
Traver Circuit,	-	-	-	-	-	T. D. LEWIS.	1
Tulare City,	-	-	-	-	-	J. A. McMILLIAN.	1
Visalia and St. Johns,	-	-	-	-	-	J. S. KLINE.	1

C. G. BELKNAP agent of Tulare River Indian Reservation.

GERMAN DISTRICT—G. A. BOLINGER P. E.

2

(P. O. Anaheim).

Anaheim,	-	-	-	-	-	G. H. BOLINGER.	2
Los Angeles and Pasadena,	-	-	-	-	-	Wm. SCHULDT.	2
San Luis Obispo,	-	-	to be supplied by	THEO. STAUBLE.	-		1
Santa Barbara,	-	-	-	-	-	to be supplied.	
Selma,	-	-	-	-	-	to be supplied.	

REPORT NO. 1. REPORT OF VISALIA DISTRICT.

We have had more than our usual success this year in the Visalia District. The preachers went to their work and began well, two, however, did not continue all the year, and one of these only about two months. I mean F. M. Pickles who was sent to Merced. We supplied his place by employing A. M. Gill, who came to us from the M. E. Church South. He is a faithful minister, and our work in Merced Charge is in a much better condition than it was when he took charge.

The other preacher who did not work out the year was G. W. Story, who was sent to Tulare Charge. He did well for about five months, becoming restless, we could hold him there no longer. He left to try his hand as a revivalist. We supplied his place by employing Clark Smith, a local preacher, who has about held the work as Bro. Story left it. We have a debt on the Church property of nearly \$1,300.00 which perhaps might have been cancelled had Bro. Story remained, otherwise the charge is doing well. Our congregation is larger here than in any other place in the District. The prayer and class meetings are well attended, and the Sabbath School is in a healthy condition. The town numbers about 1,500, and it surrounding country, are improving substantially. We have need of a strong, safe preacher this year for Tulare City.

Plano Charge has made no advance this year, rather the reverse. Our preacher, J. W. Leach has been sick, in consequence of which he moved his family to Tulare. Recovering his health somewhat he has supplied the work from there under a disadvantage. Several of his members have also moved away and some have died, for Plano is a sickly place. We wish this year to connect it with two new towns springing up on the R. R., Tipton and Alila. Bakersfield and Tehachapi Charge has been worked for three years by J. S. Kline, and is now much more desirable than when he went there. The Church and parsonage property has been much improved and the church thoroughly refitted, and no Church debt left. Bro. Kline also seems to have improved in the climate. He might report largely upon the improvement of the country about Bakersfield, and although principally made by a few rich men, yet they must necessarily employ many to do this work and these many must have the Gospel. We need a first class man in this Charge.

Kernville Charge has been well worked this year by C. T. Stowell but, small as it was when the year commenced, it is now smaller; because of the mines failing, and the people moving away. Tehachapi should be added to it. Central point is a circuit situated mostly in Merced county west of Merced City. This Charge promises well, and has been well cared for the past year by J. B. Callo-

way. He has added considerable to the membership. The material already gathered upon this circuit, is a reliable nucleus upon which to build an important Charge. A parsonage to cost \$750.00 is about to be built. That done, the propriety of building a church will soon be considered.

Selma is a circuit on the R. R. between Fresno and Tulare, which is growing in importance. In Selma we worship in the C. P. church, but will soon have a church of our own. We have a good membership on this circuit and the population is increasing by emigration. Martin Miller commenced our work some three years since and has been the only pastor on the work, and according to discipline cannot be returned, although he was a local preacher employed the first year of his service on that charge.

Visalia under the labors of J. A. McMillan for two years has taken a new start. The debt which was really crushing us has been removed from the Church property, all but \$250.00 loaned by the Church Extension Society. Our numbers have been considerably added to, and the spirituality very much improved. The Sabbath School is doing much better than for several years. The congregations are still small, but gaining steadily.

Hanford charge is in a healthy condition. Under the labors of O. S. Frambes, the membership has been much enlarged, the spirituality increased, the Sabbath School well cared for, and the congregation much improved and much more faithful pastoral work done, than is common for pastoral charges to receive.

Grangeville charge is really in a flourishing condition every way and there has been during a good portion of the year a constant revival spirit. The pastor, John McKelvey is much beloved, and all wish his return.

Fresno charge, under the labors of S. J. Kahler, has done well. A beautiful church has been completed and dedicated during the year; and the finances well managed. Fresno is near the centre of the district and is the most flourishing town in the valley, and from the remarkable growth of the town and county must soon take rank with the larger towns of the State. The return of the pastor is desired and expected.

We are sorry that our Bishop has not been able to travel through our large and beautiful valley and to know for himself how important it is to supply the charges in this field with good and strong men, and especially, as our four years are up, to select a proper man for presiding Elder.

All of which are respectfully submitted.

ADAM BLAND, P. E.

Sept. 1884.

NO. 2. SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

This has been a broken year. The winter with its floods—and

absence in Minnesota from May 1st to July 21st, deprived the district of the presence and Superintendence of the P. E. for three months and a half. Mine is a coast district, two hundred and fifty miles in length and of an average of twenty miles wide. It consists of twelve (12) appointments, six stations and six circuits. These have all enjoyed the labors of pastors during the year except Jolon. The appointee to this Charge informed me the second day after the Conference Session ended, that he could not serve it. I have made these several attempts, to permanently supply it but failed for reasons connected with the conditions of roads and want of adequate supplies in the charge. Some of the charges have had large prosperity, in different departments of the work, and in nearly all of the Charges, some improvement is apparent. Santa Barbara may be specially mentioned for increase in membership and furnishing written reports to the Fourth Q. Conference from all the committees and officers in the church, Sunday School and Congregation. Paso Robles for increase in membership, the formation of several new societies, and initiating several new enterprises to be completed in the near future. At the end of another year this extensive circuit will be divided. Goleta, San Buenaventura, Ballards and San Luis have had more or less revivals. At Arroyo Grande, additions have been made by families coming into the valley and otherwise, until Bro. Leech, the pastor of Santa Maria Charge, embracing this point, thought best, in deference to the wishes of the brethren, to take our interests out of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where they had been housed for some time, and set up for themselves in a Hall in the place, and also to organize a Sabbath School of our own, which has already reached seventy (70) in number and the end is not yet. The movement is a success. They ask for a pastor for themselves this year. San Luis Obispo, has been supplied by Rev. H. H. Hall, of the Michigan Conference. The church is decidedly improved in its appearance, by a good coat of paint. Also the parsonage has been enlarged and improved, and the interests of the church are decidedly healthy under this brother's labors.

Gonzales and Soledad have been supplied by D. B. Wright, formerly missionary at Prescott, Arizona. To have sent this brother with a wife and 6 or 7 children to a charge at that time, but indifferently organized, with not a dozen members, all told, without church or parsonage, or experience or resources—a move of over 400 miles, it seems to me was a great mistake to say the least. But Bro. Wright helped and encouraged by friends, went to his appointments and found matters as outlined above. Nothing daunted, he struck the first blow for a parsonage—a home for his family. His efforts were seconded by the people and he soon had a parsonage enclosed and his family sheltered for the time being. The building has been further improved and inside of another month or by the beginning of the coming Conference year, will be finished for occupancy by the incumbent of that Charge for the year to follow this

seen, and I only regret to say that after all these sacrifices and hardships by Br. Wright and his family, and the efforts of the people, the charge has not been increased in its membership, or materially strengthened. Cambria is an old, but feeble Charge. Moro is its best point. Last year under Br. Wenk's labors, a subscription of some \$1,200.00 was raised to build a church at this point but by change of pastors and the removal of one or two of their best families, the enterprise has fallen through, at least for the present. At the first quarterly meeting, by a great effort the Charge had paid their pastor up and some more, but the effort was made by force of circumstances, and the reaction was correspondingly great, and from that time to the close of the year they have been (the Moro society) a discouraged people. I think, however, a good old-time revival would solve this problem, and place this apparently defunct enterprise on its feet. Lompoc is holding its own, and is looking towards the enlargement and completion of its church. Bro. Woodcock closes his second year with this people. It is a strong temperance colony and quite an unhealthy place for liquor venders. Ballards is a weak and new appointment, the beginning was quite hopeful, since revival in connection with the first quarterly meeting. There was considerable talk of church building, providing it was not a "dry year." I think the year is not regarded as a dry one, and yet the church enterprise, is for the present suspended. Reasons given are: crops not quite what was expected, and prices ruinously low. These are facts, and facts are stubborn things. The country embraced in this Charge is beautiful, and in the near future will be hopeful. Bro. Thomas has been its pastor for the year now ending. San Buenaventura has reseated and improved its church, moved and enlarged its parsonage, paid its debt on its beautiful and spacious grounds, dedicated its church free of debt, and now shows an inviting field to the pastorate for the year to come. Much credit is due to Bro. White, the pastor, for his energy and perseverance in this enterprise. Ventura Circuit has completed and dedicated a beautiful church at Hueneme, commenced under the pastorate of the late Ben. Charles Lawton. This is a beautiful church, was built under the direction of Hon. Thomas Bard, whose estimable wife and himself, (neither of them members of our Church) have paid by agreement two thirds of the cost of the building, and also procured the donation of the lots. This church was dedicated by the writer, assisted by Bros. Knighten, Kline, Bowers and others, free from debt. This circuit has now two fine churches, both built within the past two years. The circuit will be divided this year, as it is divided by the Santa Clara River, and give Santa Paula and Hueneme, each sufficient territory to constitute good charges. Bro. W. F. Wenk has been the pastor of all this territory the past year.

Goleta last, though not least, is a well organized, pleasant charge. Has improved much every way this year,—providing for a camp-

meeting within her bounds, from which we have freshly come. We can bring a good report, conversion of sinners, sanctification of believers and general quickening of the church. We have given considerable attention to the titles, by which church property is held in the bounds of the district. There have been some revelations of interest in this department, instance, one of the older properties was found to have been deeded to trustees, and their heirs and assigns for ever and ever. Brethren should see that the "trust" clause is inserted in every deed of consequence to the Church. The benevolences also have received attention in all the charges, and think the receipts will exceed last year. Most of the pastors have been quite well supported, though not all. Systematic financing must be introduced into all our charges before victory is achieved in this direction. Spasmodic efforts in raising pastors' salary, may answer in an emergency, but it should not be the order of doing this kind of work. We urge the "envelope system," as best, and first of all plans, and the subscription plan, with quarterly payments as the next best. We have passed a pleasant year with preachers and people. We have found a hearty Methodist welcome everywhere. The preachers and their families have shared fair health through the year. The only exception, the mother-in-law of Bro. Gregory, living in his family, who sickened and died, at a ripe age in the early part of the year. She died well trusting in God. Spiritually the charges generally stand well. Loyalty to the Church, is *marked*, throughout Santa Barbara district. We have demonstrated the inherent doctrine in our creed, that there is room for the Wesleyan and Bible doctrine of Holiness in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D. COBB, P. E.

NO. 3. LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

The Methodist Episcopal Church in this District has, during the year closing, regularly employed twenty-five preachers, besides those engaged in the educational work. Of these, six have been supplies, three working without compensation. At least seven others have rendered valuable assistance by preaching as occasion has offered. Every preacher has attended faithfully to his work during the entire year, excepting one, and he left for good reasons, and his place was immediately filled.

There has been no death in any preacher's family, and no serious sickness. Of the twenty-five preachers, twenty have families.

It is a peculiar fact that all these ministers are closing their first year in their present appointments, with the exception of two who had worked a fraction of a year in their present places before last conference. There are conditions in our work which make frequent changes in the pastorate more unavoidable than in older fields, and that without special discredit to preachers or churches. This restlessness should, however, be discouraged in order that ministers and

people may get the greatest benefit from a well-used system. Indeed, I cannot speak otherwise than in very high terms of the good behavior of preachers and churches. There has not been a church scandal or trial among us, no dissension worthy of notice; no serious jar in any Quarterly Conference. This is not accounted for by looseness of discipline, but by the prevailing good deportment of our people. A specially excellent spirit of harmony and brotherhood has prevailed among the preachers, and my relations to them have been without exception, of the most pleasant character.

In the matter of ministerial support, while every preacher has deserved more than he has received, the churches as a whole have done nobly. Not counting three supplies who have not expected any support, the remaining twenty-two have received an average salary of \$827. This calculation includes missionary assistance, (\$1,000, on the entire District) and the rental value of parsonages. There has been raised for the Bishops \$119, and for conference claimants \$220. The total deficiency in the entire District for preachers, presiding elder, bishops, and conference claimants, is only \$1,241, and the total amount raised for their support is \$18,543, —a result for which we have reason to be exceedingly thankful.

The District has twelve parsonages. Thirteen preachers have been obliged to provide their own homes, and one has built his house with his own hands. Only one parsonage has been built this year,—that at Pomona, at a cost of \$650. Improvements have been made on nearly all the parsonages.

We have twenty-four church edifices. Their estimated value, including furnishings and lands, is \$98,800. Eight have been dedicated this year, as follows:

Pomona, Grace, San Fernando, University, Cucamonga, Newport, Riverdale, and Providencia.

The Pomona Church was completed before last conference session. Grace Church and that at San Fernando were in course of construction, and the corner-stone of the University Church was laid at that time. One other church has been built this year, but remains to be dedicated, that at Boyle Heights. It is completed, and services have been held in it for several weeks. Not counting the church at Pomona or Grace Church, Los Angeles, both of which were reported in the last Minutes, the following approximate additions to the church property of the District will appear in our statistics this year:

San Fernando,	.....	\$2,500.
University,	.....	11,500.
Cucamonga,	.....	1,500.
Newport,	.....	1,200.
Riverdale,	.....	1,500.
Providencia,	.....	1,200.
Boyle Heights,	.....	5,000.
Seven churches, total value:	\$24,400.	Besides these, the

church at Santa Monica has been moved to a more desirable location, new lots purchased and the old ones sold, the church enlarged, improved, painted, reseated, and furnish with a bell and organ, at a net cost of \$1,350, so that now we have a very neat and appropriate church at this much frequented watering place. The church at Pasadena has been moved to a central place, the old lot sold and a new one purchased. The church at San Gabriel has been decorated and improved; the church at San Diego has been repainted, and the one at Santa Ana has been provided with new furnishings. At San Bernardino, a corner lot in the centre of the city has been purchased for church and parsonage purposes, at a cost of \$1,000, and Dr. J. C. Peacock has donated to the church a piece of land worth \$200. Valuable improvements have also been made on the Asbury Church.

The total value of the additions to the church property of the District this year is about \$30,000. One church has been lost, the new, undedicated, and uninsured edifice at West Riverside, which was burned by an incendiary on the night of the 10th of January last, loss \$1,500. On the church improvements made this year, very little indebtedness has been incurred which is not covered by reliable subscriptions.

The benevolent collections, present a gratifying increase. The District at its meeting last December, fixed upon the following apportionments as the minimum per member to be raised for benevolences this year: Missions, 70 cents; Church Extension, 20; Tract Society, 2; Sunday School Union, 3; Freedmen, 5; Education, 20; Total per member, \$1.20. These apportionments were based on the full members reported in the last Minutes, and called for the aggregate sum of \$1,784. The full amount raised for the above six causes is \$2,012, or \$228 more than the apportionment. Sixty-five cents per member was raised for missions, five less than asked for. Sixteen for church extension, four less than asked for.

Many special revival efforts have been made, but as usual in this country, with more meagre results than might naturally be expected. Some conversions have been reported. A general revival spirit with occasional conversions has pervaded the University Church and the College, much of the year. There has been a good spiritual growth in many of the charges. Special holiness meetings have been held weekly in Fort Street, Grace, and University Churches, and with excellent results.

The District Camp Meeting was held at Long Beach. It lasted four days and was a remarkably good meeting. It was characterized by spirituality without fanaticism; earnestness without controversy; harmony without dullness; and by a rich, sweet tone of holiness. The meeting was brief, and well, though not largely attended. It was an experiment, but a very gratifying success. So far as known, there were twelve seekers and a very large propor-

tion of persons richly blessed.

The Long Beach Resort Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Southern California, is a new factor in the life and work of our Church in these parts. The proprietors of Long Beach have donated to this Association land which at present values is worth about \$10,000, about four acres of which are to be kept as a permanent camp ground, and the proceeds of the sales of the other lands to be devoted to its improvement. The object is a Christian seaside resort, a combined Chautauqua, health and rest resort, and camp-meeting ground. If the opening season and the first camp meeting are to be taken as indications of the future, then the prospect is very encouraging for a successful Christian resort.

A wooden pavillion and chapel, not costing less than \$3,000 is to be built before the 1st of December. Land enough has already been sold to cover the expense. To meet the needs for this season, a large tent, oval in shape, forty by sixty feet, costing \$250, was procured. This is District property, and can be used anywhere the needs of our work may demand.

Besides the camp-meeting, there have been two general gatherings of the District during the year, one a District Convention of preachers and laymen, at Fort Street Church, last December; the other a Preacher's Meeting at Pomona, in May. Both were of great value to the District work. A District Conference has been decided upon, and will be organized within a few weeks.

The University has had a very successful year. Last Conference participated in the laying of the corner-stone of the University Church, now completed, and a thing of beauty and utility, costing about \$10,000. This conference will join in laying the corner-stone of a new University Building, to cost when completed, about \$40,000. As other formal reports in reference to our educational interests will come before the conference, no more need be added here.

There is a healthy interest in class meetings. The attendance is excellent in some of the churches, and medium in most of the others. A few of the churches have as yet failed to establish successful class meetings; but I think in every church where such a meeting is at all practicable, there are some efforts in that direction. In several churches there are children's classes; some of them very successful.

There is an increasing interest in the missionary cause, especially in missionary organizations and collections in Sunday schools. Branches of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have been organized in Fort Street Church and at Compton.

The Sunday schools in the District are in a good condition. I think the "Berean Helps" are used in all but two of them. The catechism has been introduced into one or two schools, and is also used in some other departments in a small number of churches. Fort Street Church has the only Church Lyceum in the District. It is a success. Many of our people and some of our preachers

are laboring in Union Sunday schools, which we cannot report in our statistics. This is the unavoidable result of using school-houses as places of worship.

We have tried to increase the circulation of the *California Christian Advocate*. Many copies are taken within the District, but not so many as there should be. Some New York *Advocates* are taken, and a sprinkling of the other *Advocates*. We have published a District *Quarterly* during the year, which has been a valuable adjunct to our work. The students of the University issue a very neat little periodical, called the *College Review*.

As we look over the entire work of the Los Angeles District for the year, we feel that we have occasion to be joyously thankful for what, through the blessing of Jesus our Head, has been accomplished in material and spiritual things in the church; and as we look out upon the future, we have inspiring visions of the multitudinous field and the great work for the Church which God is preparing in this land of His peculiar favor.

To-day we are clearing the ground and laying the foundations for the beautiful, growing, enduring temple of the future. We will not be weary in this well-doing. No difficulty, temptation, or sacrifice shall turn us aside from doing this one thing. May we be wise, holy, humble, earnest, united, sympathetic, separated from the world, wholly devoted to God, having our hearts established unblamable in holiness and able always to lift up holy hands in every presence. May God breathe upon us a wonderful baptism of His Holy Spirit as a special anointing for the work of the ministry; and then, even though we come up out of great tribulation, we shall finish our course with joy, having our robes washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,

NO. 4. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your Committee having examined into the following cases, respectfully make the following recommendations, viz :

That the character of Horace Holdridge be passed, and that he be granted a location at his own request.

That the relation of J. H. Peters be changed from supernumerary to effective.

That C. W. Tarr be continued in supernumerary relation, with an appointment if practicable. That S. B. Guiberson be continued in supernumerary relation.

That J. H. Book be continued in supernumerary relation.

That we find G. W. Story charged with insubordination and the facts seem to us to be such as to demand a trial.

Respectfully submitted,
A. M. HOUGH, President.
P. F. BRESEE, Secretary.

NO. 5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

Your Committee respectfully report that we highly appreciate the efforts put forth by the Sunday School Union for carrying on the great work which God has laid upon us a Church, for the gathering in of the children into this branch of his Kingdom; and urge upon our larger Sunday Schools the duty of sustaining the Union by continued effort to raise funds for supplying with books and papers, our frontier churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. GREGORY,
T. S. UREN.

NO. 6. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

As the Christian Sanctuary is a necessity for the public and proper worship of God, so has the Church Extension Society by its rising importance become correspondingly dear to our hearts. Therefore,

Resolved, That as a conference we renewedly pledge ourselves to bring before our people the claims of this Society and solicit in its behalf the collections ordered by the General Conference.

Resolved, That we respectfully call the attention of the Parent Board to the Trust Bond and Mortgage required in return for donations to our churches and ask that an exception be made of our Conference in such requirements for the following reasons:

First, the laws of the State of California are such that when any property is dedicated for Church purposes it cannot be mortgaged or sold without making application to the Courts and making a proper showing therefor, and any mortgage without such application would be invalid.

Second, for the erection of our churches we are dependent quite largely upon business men who are not church members and such help we often cannot get when a perpetual mortgage is to encumber the property.

Third, we lose no churches in this Conference.

Fourth, the aforesaid requirement seriously affects the progress of the Church Extension Society in our Conference, and threatens its existence.

Therefore, desiring to hold our people to an increased loyalty to the Church Extension Society and ignoring the organization of independent Conference Boards, we respectfully and emphatically urge the granting of this request.

E. S. CHASE.
JOHN A. MCMILLAN.
WM. SCHULDT.

NO. 7. BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee on the Bible Cause, after careful consideration of the subject, would respectfully report:

First. That we fully appreciate and heartily endorse the very benevolent and Christian efforts of the American Bible Society to

give the Holy Scriptures to every nation and people in their own mother tongue as far as possible.

Second, That we approve the plan of redistricting the Bible work on this coast, and of making each district society an Auxiliary of the Parent Society in New York.

Third, That we will, to the extent of our ability, co-operate with the Parent Society or the Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of our Conference in supplying the destitute, whether families or individuals, with the precious Bible.

Fourth, That we will welcome the authorized agents of either the Parent or Auxiliary Societies to our pulpits, for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Bible and in collecting funds for its circulation.

Fifth, That we hail with delight the grand efforts of Rev. J. Thompson and I. M. Leihy for the past year, and that we as Ministers of Christ will pray that this year may not only be as last year, but much more abundant in precious fruitage gathered for the Master.

A. N. FIELDS,
I. M. LEIHY.

NO. 8. OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH.

We regard the proper observance of the Sabbath as of vital importance to both Church and State. We live in a Christian land, but have no legal Christian Sabbath. The influence of some professed Christians in attempting to change the Christian Sabbath back to the Jewish Sabbath has a tendency constantly to weaken the obligation and desecrate the sanctity of the holy Sabbath. The Sabbath in many places is made a day of picnics, excursions and visiting to the neglect of God's house. In some places the saloons are kept opened all day on the Sabbath and the commission of crime and waste of means are greater than on all the other six days. Some professed Christians make and receive visits on God's holy day and do many things contrary to its sanctity. Therefore,

Resolved, That we give the whole weight of our influence and example to the very strictest Scriptural observance of this holy day.

Resolved, That it is very inconsistent for any Minister of the Gospel to give his support to any legislator previously committed to the abrogation of this holy day of rest.

Resolved, That we will do everything in our power to create a public sentiment in favor of the Christian Sabbath; and we earnestly invite all Christian Ministers and people of the State to unite with us in the accomplishment of this great and good object.

J. B. CALLAWAY,
S. B. GUIBERSON,
A. L. DEARING.

NO. 9. ON TEMPERANCE.

Once more this Conference utters its positive convictions on the great curse of humanity—intemperance. The evils of this terri-

ble vice cannot be computed by the finite mind. The combined ravages of war, pestilence and famine are small compared with the devastations wrought by this fell destroyer of human life and hopes. No tundires have ever crushed no pains have ever pained, no sorrows have ever wrung the human heart like those which intemperance have brought upon suffering humanity. These burdens, pains and sorrows will continue so long as the "lure" to the continents. And any increase in this traffic means a proportionate increase of crime, degradation, sorrow and misery in our land, eternal woes to its many victims in the world to come.

In the light of such facts, no thoughtful mind can view the so-called "wine industry" of our state without the gravest apprehensions. The solemn facts which the history of wine States in the Old World reveals to us are warnings which those who regard only the material prosperity of the State ought to heed at once. Much more so those who consider the higher needs of society, the moral and religious. In these comparatively early days of our State, when the foundation of future generations is being laid, when the ~~glory and destiny~~ of coming ages are hanging in the balance, by those now, here, how great the responsibilities resting upon all and especially upon the leaders of the people. There should be no uncertain sound upon this question. Compromise with any evil is contrary to the law of God and the good of mankind.

The relation which the use of tobacco has to intemperance, its physical and moral effects on society is still upon the Christian Church and its leaders, to the use of Christ in many ways demand that this abominable vice of mankind must also cease. The time when indulgence in this vice might be regarded as a fault is long passed. The light of science, experience and Revelation is too clear for any excuse. The command "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord," must be obeyed. This is the 2nd of the Mos. 11: 19. It says, "I will not smite all followers of Christ polluted by this vice, to "cleanse themselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit," that they may "present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God," that the church of Christ may be "without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, holy and without blemish," ever showing forth "the beauty of holiness," to the honor and praises, and glory of God. Therefore,

Resolved. First, that this Conference does hereby emphatically declare that the use of alcoholic liquors, outside of mechanical and medicinal purposes, is in no way necessary to the health, comfort or well-being of the people; but, on the contrary, their use as a beverage is the source of the greatest and most oppressive evils known to man.

Second, that the ultimate aim of all temperance effort should be the destruction of this unwholesome, oppressive traffic.

Then I am anxious about my son, who is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and we may expect him to go to Europe, and the money he has saved is probably in your safe hands.

Please let me know if you can get me some money and if so, in what way I should best try to secure it in the future.

Please let me know if the Legislature will consider the proposed bill to amend our law of inheritance so as to give the wife a right to one-half of all the personalty and realty in the estate of her husband.

Also, I am anxious to have your opinion of the proposed bill to amend our law of inheritance so as to give the wife a right to one-half of all the personalty and realty in the estate of her husband.

Again, the new change in the great good which has been done and is being done by the American Temperance League and the Anti-Saloon League is most welcome and I hope that you will do all you can to help them in their work. It is a great service to the people and to the State.

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ing confidence in the principles of Right, press on until victory for "God and Home and Native Land" is complete.

A. W. BUNKER,
J. H. WHITE,
C. W. STOWELL.

NO. 10. COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We gratefully acknowledge the divine goodness that has spared the lives of all directly connected with our University, thus permitting a year of uninterrupted labor in every department. And with yet deeper gratitude we acknowledge the gracious providence that that has made so successful the efforts that have been put forth. God's blessing has been upon our school. Not only has the process of intellectual culture been going on, but a deep spiritual interest has pervaded the institution. Preachers and people have been rallying closer and closer around it, and the work done begins to be the prophecy of the future.

The arrangements for teachers have been the same that have given such satisfaction in the preceding years and they will continue at least another year. President M. M. Bovard and Prof. F. D. Bovard, have been wholly supported in their consistent and tireless labor by able, courteous and diligent associates. The attendance of students has exceeded any former year, aggregating 212 in all departments. And the mental and moral development of the students has been more satisfactory than ever before. The first class of graduates has gone forth to their life-work with every promise of being a blessing to the world. We believe that this institution is planted in the hearts of our people and will through their faith and labor grow into the greatness which this rapidly developing country will demand.

THE NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDING.

About the time of our last Conference, the Board of Directors determined that the time had come to move forward in the work of providing a permanent building, which should properly represent and provide for our rapidly growing educational work. The annual Conference after duly considering the matter approved their determination and Rev. A. M. Hough was appointed Financial Secretary for the purpose of raising the necessary funds. And though some unlooked for obstacles have been put in the way, yet through the earnest labors of the Secretay assisted by Revs. Uren and Prof. F. D. Bovard, pledges to the amount of \$28,034.00 have been secured. After much care and study, plans for a suitable and commodious building have been adopted, which when completed is expected to cost \$40,000.00. Excavating has been done, the foundation is being put in, and much of the brick is on the ground for the building. It is the determination to push the work as fast as possible. The present buildings and campus are valued at \$20,000

and are held by the Board of Directors.

ENDOWMENT.

The Endowment Fund has already become an important factor as will be seen from the following exhibit of funds and property from the report of the Endowment Trustees:

Hodge Hall and Furnishing.....	\$ 5000.00
Interest bearing Contracts from Sale of Lands.....	20,441.76
Discretionary Fund.....	1,492.08
Loan Fund.....	4,970.17
Cash on hand.....	324.80
140 Unsold Lots at \$400 per lot.....	<u>56,000.00</u>

Total.....\$89,228.81

CHAFFEY COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE.

The report of the Trustees of the Endowment Fund for this institution shows that the assets in money and lands at their estimate of value to be as follows:

Interest bearing Contracts on lands sold.....	\$7,443.50
Cash on hand.....	933.11
400,000 bricks in kiln for erection of College Building valued at.....	2,400.00
Foundation of College building.....	3,432.13
Unsold lots and lands.....	<u>80,000.00</u>

Total.....\$94,268.74

The building is to be of brick, three stories high and to cost about \$20,000.00.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors, steps were taken towards the opening of a College of Medicine J. P. Widney, M. D., being elected Dean of the Faculty with power to act.

BIBLICAL SCHOOLS.

We are persuaded of the great value of Theological training, and most heartily endorse the schools at Boston, Madison and Evanston, and recommend our young men when it is practicable to avail themselves of their training, hoping the day may not be far distant when we can add this department to our own University.

We recommend to fill the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, the following: John P. Green, A. M. Hough, H. C. Sigler, P. F. Breese, Chas. Shelling, E. F. Spence, D. O. Miltamore, R. M. Widney, S. C. Hubbel, P. M. Green, G. W. Wells.

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T. E. Robinson, H. H. Hall, M. F. Colburn, S. J. Kahler.
P. F. BRESEE, Chairman,
M. F. COLBURN, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 11.

The Tract Society is doing a good work in spreading religious truth. Through the influence of its tracts many souls have been brought to Christ. We pledge it our earnest support.

F. D. MATHER,
F. S. THOMAS.

NO. 12. COMMITTEE ON AUDITING ACCOUNTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Your Committee on Auditing the Presiding Elders' accounts, have made a proper examination and found these accounts correct.

Committee. HENRY H. HALL,
J. B. CALLAWAY,
B. F. EDWARDS.

NO. 13. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CAUSE.

Your Committee reports as follows:

We recognize the point of missionary enterprise in the church to be simply the spirit of the Lord Jesus, seeking through men to reach and save the perishing ones of earth. The claims of God are upon us to measure up to the precious privileges which come to us through the Cross. Never before, have so many doors of opportunity been opened for missionary work both at home and abroad as to-day. Particulary here on this favored coast the opportunities are multiplying and the calls for workers become daily more urgent. We ought to see that the work suffer nothing through our lack of zeal and devotion. In view of the crying need of the world for the Gospel and the multiplying of the opportunities, we ought to redouble our efforts and enter into every open door. We have great need of liberal grants of money from the Missionary Treasury in developing our work, and that in some small degree we may merit such grants, we pledge ourselves to increase this year our missionary collections. In view of this pledge, we respectfully ask such aid for our growing work, from the Missionary Society as in their generous recognition of our need, they may be moved to grant.

G. H. BOLLINGER,
HENRY H. HALL,
MARTIN MILLER.
Committee.

NO. 14. PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The Committee on Publishing Interests submit the following report:

We congratulate the Church upon the general prosperity of the

Book Concern as shown by the reports of the agents of the several Depositories, including that at San Francisco.

We commend a thorough and early canvass for the *C. C. Advocate*, for we fully believe that its increased circulation would greatly promote the intelligence, purity and liberality of our people.

If the day of saddle-bags has departed, that of the sale of our books ought not. Our Book Concern has furnished us with a fine catalogue of books that compare favorably with the publications of other first-class houses in quality and prices, and of much greater value to Methodists.

Therefore we would urge the pastors to renewed and persistent efforts for the sale of books.

The *Quarterly Review* under the editorship of Dr. Curry will be able to maintain the first rank among the religious quarterlies. It hurls an unerring lance in the face of error, brings forth things both new and old from the domain of truth, and should be read by every preacher, and have an increased circulation among our intelligent laity.

Our Sunday School publications are a delight to the eye, and a blessing to the heart and we must not allow any other to supplant them.

In closing we would suggest that short and spicy paragraphs of general interest, be sent frequently from our several Charges for publication in the *C. C. Advocate* and if in the wisdom of our able and veteran editor, Dr. Crary, our communications be found to be too personal, self-laudatory, lengthy and local, we will cheerfully submit and rejoice in the pruning process.

(Signed) M. F. COLBURN,
CHAS. LEACH.

NO. 15. REPORT OF STEWARDS.

Funds on hand.	
From collections	\$288.85
Chartered Fund.....	30.00
Book Concern.....	69.00
Special Collection.....	88.70
Total	\$476.55

We beg leave to recommend that it be apportioned as follows:

To Rev. A. Higbee	\$226.55	paid to J. B. Hill
To Mrs. Cookson.....	150.00	paid to J. B. Green
To Mrs. Lawton.....	100.00	paid to H. Sinsabaugh

In view of the increasing and urgent demands on the Conference Claimant's Funds,

Resolved, That we will urge our people to contribute more liberally

to this just claim.

F. S. WOODCOCK, Chairman.
J. A. McMILLAN,
J. D. CRUM,
G. W. ELWOOD.

NO. 16. COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING MINUTES.

Receipts :—Subscription	\$52.00
Advertisments.....	88.00
 Total	140.00
Disbursements :—Printing 1,000 copies..	115.00
Postage.....	9.00
Incidental	4.00
 Total	128.00
Balance on hand.....	\$12.00

JOHN B. GREEN, Secretary.

NO. 17. FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

Your Committee to whom was referred the cause of the Freedmen's Aid Society would present the following report:

1ST. We fully appreciate the importance of this work in the South and are in hearty sympathy with it.

2D. We regret that this work has not received that attention in our congregations on this coast that its importance demands.

3D. We heartily approve the action of the last General Conference when they decided that an appeal should be made to the whole Church for half a million of dollars, as a Centennial Offering for the great work of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

4TH. We also heartily approve of the action of the Corresponding Secretary of said Society, as made known in the circular, entitled, "A Centennial Appeal for Education in the South," where he requests this body to do two things.

1ST. To heartily endorse this appeal of the General Conference for \$500,000 for the Freedmen's Aid Society.

2D. To direct that in each congregation, one or more services be given to this cause, at which this work shall be presented, and the people urged to make a contribution this centennial year, which shall be worthy of them, of the church they love, and of the cause for which this appeal is made.

The proportion to be raised by this Conference is thirty-three and one third cents per member.

O. S. FRAMBES,
A. H. SUMMERS,
H. HOLDRIDE.

NO. 18. COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee to whom was referred the cause of the Woman's

Foreign Missionary Society, would present the following report: We recognize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as a most efficient auxiliary to the Parent Board, in spreading the Gospel in foreign lands. We congratulate the Church on the extended privileges granted by the last General Conference to our Sisters in their noble work of elevating and saving the women of heathen lands. We also congratulate the Society on the wonderful success hitherto achieved, and on the continued prosperity and increasing circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*. We are reminded that connected with this Fort Street Church, the Society is represented by a devoted and active auxiliary, the first to be organized in this State, and that already five auxiliary have been formed within the bounds of this Conference, with a membership of over one hundred. We heartily and earnestly bid our Sisters God speed in their Christly mission and they will ever receive a hearty welcome to our Charges, when representing their work and organizing auxiliaries.

T. E. ROBINSON,
HENRY H. HALL,
E. S. CHASE.

NO. 19. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

Anaheim.....	\$ 50.00
Antelope Valley.....	100.00
Artesia and Fulton Wells.....	50.00
Azuza.....	100.00
Cucamonga and Etiwanda.....	175.00
Elsinore.....	75.00
Long Beach.....	100.00
Newhall.....	175.00
Newport.....	50.00
Poway and National City.....	200.00
Riverdale and Providencia.....	150.00
San Bernardino.....	50.00
San Jacinto and Rock-house.....	50.00
Santa Monica.....	100.00
Total.....	\$1,425.00

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

The District.....	\$150.00
Arroyo Grande.....	100.00
Ballard's.....	125.00
Cambria Circuit.....	125.00
Goleta.....	125.00
Gonzales and Soledad.....	125.00
Hueneme.....	150.00
Jolon.....	150.00

Paso Robles Cholame..... 125.00
Santa Maria..... 150.00

Total.....\$1,325.00

FRESNO DISTRICT.

The District.....	\$300.00
Central Point.....	100.00
Hanford.....	100.00
Kernville and Tehachipi.....	100.00
Merced.....	150.00
Plano and Alila.....	100.00
Selma Circuit.....	50.00
Tulare City.....	100.00
Traver Circuit	100.00
Visalia and St. John's.....	150.00

Total..... \$1,250 00

GERMAN DISTRICT.

The District	\$550.00
Los Angeles	300.00
San Luis Obispo	400.00
Selma	250.00

Total..... \$1,500.00

Total to Conference..... \$5,500.00

I concur in the above appropriations:

CYRUS D. FOSS.

NO. 20. COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

Rev. Thomas Cookson was born in the town of Unity, Me., on the 15th day of August, 1810, and was consequently 74 years and one week old, at the time of his death. He was married to Roxana Farrow at Islesboro, Me., on the 25th of Dec. 1833. Three of their children are living, the oldest son having died, and others passing away in infancy.

On the 3d of April, 1852, he was married to Mary J. Penny, our bereaved sister who with one son and a daughter, dear as though born to them, unite with the children of the departed wife in mourning for a kind father who was always with them and whose very helplessness through the past month causes them to feel the more keenly his departure.

Bro. Cookson was converted at a camp meeting and joined the

Methodist Episcopal Church, when about 14 years of age. A little while after this he went to Islesboro and there being no Methodist Church on the island he united with the Freewill Baptists remaining in that Communion several years and receiving from them license to preach.

In 1853 he joined the East Maine Conference of the M. E. Church and filled the following named appointments: Aroostook Moission, Robinston, Penobscot, Harrington, Lincolnville, Knox, Westport and China, remaining in the most of them for two years, this being as long as the rules of the Church at that time permitted.

In 1869 he came to California and was transferred from the E. Me. Conf. to the California Conf. receiving his first appointment in 1870, and following this Indian Springs, Brownsville and Colusa. In 1875 the Southern California Conference was formed and Bro. Cookson became a member of it. He was in that year appointed to Plano where he had a gracious revival under his earnest labors, but was unable through ill-health to remain during the year. The next year he took a superannuated relation to the Conference and retained that relation, to the time of his death, filling however, as a supply, Oakdale and Knight's Ferry, also Westport.

The disease which disabled him was the dropsy and so severe was the attack that his physician expressed the opinion that his life would soon end. He rallied however, but not to be the same man he was before. Five years ago he was stricken with paralysis, the intellectual faculties suffering to some extent with the bodily. An iron constitution and a will of steel bore him up and on till last October, when a severer stroke laid him on his bed. Still the strength of his frame fought bravely with the powers of disease and for ten long, weary months the battle went on amid such sufferings as only those who were with him can give an adequate description of and which, in fact, language fails to fully set forth. Stroke succeeded stroke, and on August 15th at about 3 o'clock, A. M., he received the one from which his physician said he could not rally. The struggle with death was long and fearful, but finally, the last enemy triumphed and at twenty minutes past six A. M., Aug. 21st, the combat ended and our brother passed into the state of separate spiritual existence.

Bro. Cookson was a good preacher, a man of more than ordinary attainments, strong in will and more noted for *fortiter in se* than *suariter in modo*, yet to those who knew him best, exhibiting the greatest kindness, and showing ever the utmost care for the welfare and happiness of every animal dependent upon him or under his observation.

His virtues we will admire and his good deeds we will think upon and imitate. Owing to his inability to converse at the last, but little could be known of his religious condition, but a few days before his death, Sister Cookson asked him if he was fully trusting in Christ for salvation, and he answered as well as he could and

firmly, "Yes." He always seemed glad to have Mrs. Uren and his pastor read the Scriptures and pray with him. We sadly bid him farewell hoping to meet him in that land beyond the river "where the inhabitants never say 'I am sick.'"

He was buried under the auspices of the Masons, as this was his request, with services at the M. E. Church, Modesto, participated in by the Ministers of the various Churches in the city. A large audience was in attendance, who attentively listened to a discourse from 2 Cor. iv. 17, 18, delivered by Rev. W. S. Urmy. He was laid to rest in sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the just.

COM. ON MEMOIRS.

NO. 21. PASTORAL ADDRESS OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE M. E. CHURCH WITHIN ITS BOUNDS.

Dearly Beloved Brethren:—Thanking God for the blessings that have attended our relation with you during the past year, and asking your prayer on our behalf, that in the future the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified, we address you these words of encouragement and warning. When we remember what has been accomplished, we may take heart, when we see what is yet to be done, we exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?" We therefore ask your earnest and prayerful co-operation in the great Cause of the Master. Satan and his host are contending for the possession of this fair land. Material advantages, bestowed upon us in great love, are prostituted to the service of the great enemy of souls. That which was given to bless is turned into a curse. Secularism is destroying the susceptibility of men to the Divine influence. To many, the Word of God is not the sword of the Spirit, their loins are not girt with truth and faith is not a shield. "Dead in trespasses and in sin" is accurately and fearfully descriptive of the condition of a large portion of our population. This condition manifests itself in many ways. The Sabbath is desecrated, the name of God profaned, the Word disregarded the services of the Church neglected and intemperance and vice fearfully prevalent.

To counteract these evils we need your help and sympathy. Let us urge upon you that you work with us. Remember that we, being many, are one body in Christ for work. Our work is not complete without your aid. As the natural body needs that all its organs perform their functions in order to a high and vigorous life, so in the body of Christ. The several members must each perform its office in order to secure the best results.

To secure this end, may we not ask your help in securing a more general attendance on all the means of grace, the prayer-meeting, class-meeting, preaching of the Word and the Sabbath School. Remember your responsibility here and the good you may accomplish by so doing. See to it that your own families are in their places at church on the Sabbath, instead of being engaged in the

reckless frivolities and sinful pleasures to which so many give themselves. Ought we not to return to a stricter method of training the children, teaching them the truths of our holy religion as they are held by our church, and leading them to the practice of the Christian virtues with a firm but loving hand. They should be gently restrained when they are inclined to run off into the evil practices so prevalent at the present time. Teach them the importance of a godly life and secure their presence at the place of worship.

It would be well to impress upon our families the importance of our privileges and duties as Methodists. Get their sympathies and energies to flow in our channels of Christian effort. Lead them to see that, as Methodists, we have a field for usefulness that will absorb the legitimate use of all our talents. Show them that we can not do better than to use our methods of leading men to Christ. Realizing as we do the high importance and opportunities of the family in relation to the church, we would remind you of the importance of spiritual observance of the forms of devotion in your homes. Let there be an altar in every house. Teach your children to bow with reverence before God at home, and they will not be likely to be frivolous in church. Let the family relations be such that a hallowed influence will go therefrom to draw back the wandering child in after years to his father's God. We would exalt the family in its relation to the church. This is especially necessary now when our social usages have a tendency to weaken its ties and lessen their power to hold our children in the good way.

We would also emphasize the church as an agency to elevate and save men. In the midst of the multiplicity of associations and institutions for the deliverance of men from vice and leading them to a higher moral and social plain, we must not forget that Christianity is intended to save men in all departments of his nature.

Like the prophet in the case of the son of the Shunamite, it stretches itself out upon the man spiritually dead, mouth to mouth, eye to eye, hand to hand, till the heart is warmed into life. We have, then, a power in the religion of Jesus to save men to the uttermost.

Let us then, try to use this agency more faithfully for man's salvation and hence his moral and social elevation. Let us together work from the standpoint of our relation to Christ for these great ends. Let us focalize our efforts and unify our interests in our own branch of the church. Surely we have appliances enough in the M. E. Church, if we work them well, to absorb all our abilities. May we not add that, if we utilize and spiritualize our class-meetings, prayer-meetings and other religious services, more and more, we will not have great use for organizations not provided for in our church.

Let us remember our special mission as a church, to spread

scriptural holiness. Let us seek and enjoy its experience for ourselves as pastors and as people. Let us unitedly work and pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit during the coming year that the people may be saved from their sins. We would also call attention to the importance of a christian education for our children. We urge upon you to patronize our own in tuition, the University of Southern California, in preference to any other. This institution claims and deserves our hearty support. Let us realize our duty in this direction and strive in every way to make it an institution of which we may be justly proud. Now brethren, with Paul, "We bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. KNIGHTEN,
MARTIN MILLER.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Journal and reports of the Ninth Annual Session of the Southern California Conference, held at Los Angeles Cal., Sept. 18-23, 1884.

JOHN B. GREEN, Sect.



NO. 1.—STATISTICS FOR LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR 1884.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

GERMAN DISTRICT.

VISALIA DISTRICT.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Los Angeles	123	1700	22	26	54	35	21	98800	12	13900	27996	1176	3646	2674	23	289	2,271	781	182	963	211	44	51	67	242	172	6	158	18,24	22,24	
Santa Barbara	106	981	5	8	13	29	9	23700	8	6100	5140	507	327	189	11	105	329	245	41	286	33	11	4	23	234	12	42	13	19	80,4	10,1
German	12	88	3	8	17	2	1	5100	1	2100	600	550	875	288	4	29	164	73	7	82	20	2	5	17	9	1	2	18,7	5	17	
Visalia	62	342	9	1	23	56	7	15300	6	4550	2481	38	2715	168	7	67	485	50	11	61	19	5	6	48	6	31	3	19	57,0	17	
Odd Cents																		1	3	2	3	2	3	1	33	2	3	1			

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NO. 2—STATISTICS FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR 1884.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.											
NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	PASTORS.		Presiding Elders.		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants			
		Claims Including House Rent or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Receipts Including House Rent or Rental Value of Parsonage.	Deficiencies	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Apportioned.	Paid.	Paid.
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.											
Artesia.....	B. F. Edwards.....	600*	414*	186	30	21	5	3	10	8	
Compton.....	T. E. Robinson.....	1,100	1,100*		100	100	10	10	20	6	
Florence.....	G. W. Elwood.....	700*	700*		40	40	6	6	12	6	
Astoria.....	E. S. Chase.....	1,100*	1,500*		60	60	9	5	18	8	
Boynt Heights and San Gabriel.	Charles Shellting.....	650*	650*		40	40	8	8	16	8	
Port Street.....	P. F. Bressee.....	2,315*	2,315*		250	250	38	38	90	80	
Grace.....	N. M. Learned.....	800	900		30	30	8	2	16	8	
University.....	M. F. Colburn.....	900	900		70	70	14	8	27	58	
Newhall.....	J. D. Crum.....	386			25	8	1	1			
Ontario and Cucamonga.....	S. Fleming.....	700	700		20	15	1	1	3	8	
Orange and Garden Grove.....	Victor A. Henry.....	700*	700*		80	80	10	5	20	10	
Pasadena.....	John B. Green.....	1,000*	1,000*		60	60	9	5	17	11	
Pomona.....	F. D. Mather.....	744*	800*		40	40	5	5	10	6	
Poway and National City.....	E. D. Lewis.....	400*	400*		10	13					
Riverside.....	A. W. Bunker.....	1,000	1,000		100	100	14	6	27	6	
San Bernardino.....	W. Nixon.....	875*	675*	200	60	45	6	4	12	2	
San Diego.....	T. S. Uren.....	1,100*	1,100*		90	56	6	3	12	2	
San Fernando.....	C. Maclay.....				30	8					
San Jacinto.....	D. A. Crowell.....	400	400		10	10				1	
Santa Ana and Newport.....	A. H. Summers.....	800	621	179	40	30	6	3	12	1	
Santa Monica.....	F. B. Howard.....	650	400	250	10	10	2	1	4	1	
Westminster and Anaheim.....	A. L. Dearing.....	600	430	170	30	22	3	3	6	6	
Riverside and Providencia.....	H. R. Stevens.....				10						
Total.....		17,534	17,091	985	1,225	1,113	100	119	323	220	

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.	M. L. Whitmore.....	500	500		+150	+150					2
Cambria Circuit.....	J. R. Gregory.....	672*	497*	175	50	37					9
Gaviota.....	H. Holdridge.....				60	60	3				
Jolon.....					60	60	3				
Lompoc.....	F. S. Woodcock.....	800*	775*	25	100	82					9
Los Alamos.....	F. S. Thomas.....	672*	412*	260	80	38					1
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	A. N. Fields.....	700*	700		80	40					
San Buenaventura.....	J. H. White.....	700*	700*		100	100	2				
San Luis Obispo.....	H. H. Hall.....	1,100*	1,100*		100	78	3				
Santa Barbara.....	Wm. A. Knighten.....	1,300	1,300*		150	150	5				
Santa Maria Circuit.....	C. Leech.....	880*	830*	50	125	115	4				
Soledad.....	D. B. Wright.....		500		60	45					
Ventura Circuit.....	W. F. Wenk.....	615	534	81	81	81					3
Total.....		939	7,848	591	1,115	1,036	26	30	52	45	

GERMAN DISTRICT.

GERMAN DISTRICT.	G. H. Bolinger.....	800	610	190	30	30	2	2	2	2	2
Anaheim and Santa Ana.....	No Rep.....										
Fresno.....	Wm. Schuld.....	610*	610*		15	25	5	5	5	5	5
Los Angeles.....	No Rep.....										
Santa Barbara.....	ort										
San Luis Obispo.....											
Tulare.....											
Total.....		1,410	1,220	190	45	60	7	7	7	7	7

VISALIA DISTRICT.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT	J. S. Kline.....	1,000*	1,000*	52	50	50	3	3	4		
Bakersfield and Tehachapi.....	J. B. Callaway.....	517	435	150	40	35					
Central Point.....	S. J. Kahler.....	800			30	46	5	4	4		
Fresno.....	John McKelvey.....	600		150	50	46	5	4	4		
Grangeville.....	O. S. Frambes.....	750*	500	100	40	40					
Hanford.....	C. W. Stowell.....	600*	483	37	40	24	2				
Kernville.....		500	No Rep.....	ort							
Leemore and Wildflower.....	A. B. Gill(sup).....	402	No Rep.....	ort	40	25					
Marinosa and Yosemite.....			No Rep.....	ort							
Merced.....											
Plano.....	J. W. Leach.....		No Rep.....	ort							
Selma.....	Martin Miller.....	210									
Tulare City.....	G. W. Story.....	800*	230		40	40					
Visalia.....	J. A. McMillan.....	516*	566	30	40	25	3	2	2	2	
Totals.....		5,563	5,056	549	719	717	24	22	13	17	

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Los Angeles.....	17,534	17,091	985	1,225	1,113	160	119	123	220	
Santa Barbara.....	7,937	7,848	391	1,115	1,036	26	30	32	45	
German.....	1,410	1,220	190	45	610	7	7	7	7	
Visalia.....	5,563	5,056	549	740	717	24	22	13	17	
Odd Cents.....		3								
Grand Total.....	39,444	31,218	2,915	3,225	3,476	217	178	395	289	

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1. Committees of Examination shall meet the classes on the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the session of the Conference.
2. Candidates for the Conference Classes shall be marked on a scale of 100 which shall be the maximum, and 70 shall be the minimum.
3. Conference shall meet at 8:30 A. M., spend one-half hour in devotional exercises, the regular business session commencing promptly at 9 and closing at 12.
4. The regular Standing Committees shall be appointed in the morning session of the first day.
5. The Presiding Elders shall be a committee to nominate standing committees.
6. All motions must be reduced to writing at the request of the Secretary of the Conference or the presiding officer.
7. When a member wishes to speak he must arise, address the chair, but shall not proceed until he is properly recognized by the President.
8. The President shall distinctly call the name of the member to whom he assigns the floor.
9. Motions made and seconded, reports made and accepted, shall be deemed the property of the Conference, and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Conference.
10. All motions to lay on the table, to take from the table, to indefinitely postpone, shall be taken without debate.
11. The following motions may take precedence of the original motion and precedence of each other in the order they are here named :
1. To adjourn to a given time. 2. To adjourn indefinitely. 3. To take up the order of the day. 4. To lay on the table. 5. To move the previous question. 6. To postpone to a given time. 7. To refer to a committee. 8. To amend. 9. To postpone indefinitely.
12. Members shall not be interrupted while speaking, except by the President or a member through the President.
13. All questions of privilege must be decided by the President.
14. No member shall speak to any question more than once, until all who wish have spoken. No member shall speak more than ten minutes, except by permission of the Conference.
15. The one who offers a motion or resolution may have five minutes to close the debate.

16. Any person voting in the majority may move a reconsideration, but such motion shall not be debatable.
17. All members are required to be present at the regular sessions of the Conference.
18. No one is allowed to vote outside the bar of the Conference.
19. The yeas and nays may be taken on any motions on the call of one-third of the members present.
20. Members are strictly forbidden to remain in the vestibule during the devotion services.



JOURNAL OF THE SESSION.

FIRST DAY.

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in its Tenth Annual Session in the M. E. Church, Santa Barbara, California, Thursday, September 10, 1885, at 9 A. M., Bishop C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D., presiding.

Devotional services, consisting of singing, reading the Scriptures, prayer, and the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, were conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

The Conference Roll was called by the former Secretary, J. B. Green, and the following members answered to their names: A. Bland, I. M. Leihy, C. W. Tarr, F. S. Woodcock, M. M. Bovard, John B. Green, W. A. Knighten, J. D. Crum, J. H. Peters, J. McKelvey, O. S. Frambes, J. B. Calaway, E. S. Chase, R. W. C. Farnsworth, J. A. McMillan, G. H. Bolinger, Wm. Nixon, A. W. Bunker, A. N. Fields, T. S. Uren, M. F. Colburn, G. W. Elwood, J. S. Kline, J. R. Gregory, C. Leach, P. F. Bresee, D. Cobb, A. H. Summers, S. J. Kahler, B. F. Edwards, F. D. Mather, T. E. Robinson, J. H. White, A. L. Dearing, T. D. Lewis, E. N. Currier, J. A. Wachob, Wm. Schuldt, W. T. Wenk, F. S. Thomas, C. W. Stowell, J. M. Rich.

W. F. Wenk was elected Secretary, and John H. Peters, assistant; Wm. Nixon, Statistical Secretary, and John A. McMillan, assistant.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the seventh seat from the front.

Hours of meeting and adjournment were fixed as follows: Business session to begin at 8:30 A. M., to be preceded by a half-hour prayer service, and adjourn at 12 M.

The Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees reported as follows, and the nominations were approved:

Education—P. F. Bresee, M. M. Bovard, E. S. Chase, A. W.

Bunker, T. E. Robinson, Chas. Leach. W A. Knighten, J. R. Gregory, G. W. White, S. J. Kahler, John McKelvey, J. A. McMillan.

Sunday Schools—C. W. F. Nelson, C. W. Stowell, T. S. Uren.

Church Extension—J. H. Peters, Wm. Nixon, A. N. Fields.

Bible Cause—I. M. Leihy, F. S. Thomas, O. S. Frambes.

Sabbath Observance—J. R. Gregory, Adam Bland, J. A. Wachob.

Temperance—T. D. Lewis, J. M. Rich, J. H. White.

Collecting Money for Publishing Minutes—J. D. Crum, J. A. Wachob.

Freedman's Aid Society—A. L. Dearing, J. H. Peters, C. W. F. Nelson.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

Public Worship—D. Cobb, W. A. Knighten.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society—M. F. Colburn, A. Bland, W. A. Knighten.

Episcopal Fund—Presiding Elders.

Book Concern Accounts (Western Department)—T. E. Robinson.

New York Accounts—T. S. Uren.

Tract—B. F. Edwards, W. F. Wenk, J. S. Kline.

Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders—W. A. Knighten, J. A. McMillan, C. Shelling.

Pastoral Address—S. J. Kahler, A. H. Summers, F. S. Woodcock.

Missionary Cause—C. W. Tarr, F. S. Thomas, Adam Bland.

Post-offices—C. W. Tarr.

Publishing Interests—C. Leach, J. S. Kline, S. J. Fleming.

Conference Stewards—F. S. Woodcock, J. D. Crum, J. B. Calaway.

Publishing Minutes—Secretary.

On motion of S. J. Kahler the Presiding Elders were requested to nominate Committees on State of the Church, and on Conference Relations.

T. E. Robinson was appointed to take charge of the accounts of the Cincinnati Book Concern, and T. S. Uren of the New York and San Francisco.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth a committee was ordered on Episcopal Residence; also, a committee of three on District

Conference Records; also, a committee of five on Admission to the Conference.

P. F. Bresee and J. R. Gregory were added to the Committee of Examination for Admission on Trial.

On motion of J. B. Green T. E. Robinson was appointed Conference Treasurer.

On motion of E. S. Chase it was ordered that when the names of Preachers are called under the Twentieth Question that each report his missionary collection, if all the collections were taken, and if the apportionments were raised.

Question Twentieth—"Was the character of each preacher examined?"—was taken up. As each Presiding Elder was called he stated that the Disciplinary instruction in regard to the Benevolent Collections had been complied with.

R. W. C. Farnsworth, Presiding Elder of the Los Angeles District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also that of the following effective Elders: B. F. Edwards, T. E. Robinson, G. W. Elwood, E. S. Chase, J. A. Wachob, P. F. Bresee, E. W. Van Deventer, M. F. Colburn, J. D. Crum, C. W. Tarr, A. W. Bunker, F. D. Mather, C. Shelling, Wm. Nixon, T. S. Uren, G. W. White, A. L. Dearing, M. M. Bovard, and J. M. Rich.

The Bishop announced the transfer of F. D. Bovard to the California Conference.

D. Cobb, Presiding Elder of the Santa Barbara District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also the character of the following effective Elders: J. R. Gregory, F. S. Woodcock, A. N. Fields, W. A. Knighten, Charles Leach, and H. H. Hall.

The Bishop announced the transfer of H. H. Hall to the California Conference.

On motion of E. S. Chase it was ordered that the odd cents in the Benevolent collections be added to the aggregate, but not reported in a separate column.

John B. Green, Presiding Elder of the Fresno District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed. Also the character of the following effective Elders: J. H. Peters, S. J. Kahler, J. McKelvey, A. Bland, J. B. Calloway, M. Miller, T. D. Lewis, J. A. McMillan, J. S. Kline, and C. G. Bilknapp.

On motion of J. B. Green the relation of M. Miller was referred to the Committee on Conference Relation.

G. H. Bollinger, Presiding Elder of the German District, read a report of his work, and his character was passed.

On motion of E. S. Chase the Reports of Trustees of the Endowment Fund, and Directors of the University of Southern California, were referred to the Committee on Education.

The following ministers were introduced: J. G. Miller of Nebraska Conference, I. L. Spencer of Kansas, J. C. C. Harris of Los Angeles Conference (M. E. Church South), S. A. Thompson of Austin Conference, L. Schneider of Chicago German Conference, S. N. Marsh of Cincinnati Conference, and J. F. Yoth of the Presbyterian Church.

The Presiding Elders reported the following nominations:

Committee on Conference Relation—M. M. Bovard, T. E. Robinson, J. B. Calloway, W. A. Knighten, and A. Bland.

Committee on Admission to the Conference—P. F. Bresee, M. F. Colburn, Charles Leach, J. A. McMillan, A. W. Bunker, and J. H. Peters.

Committee on State of the Church—T. S. Uren, J. R. Gregory, and S. J. Kahler.

Committee on Episcopal Residence—E. S. Chase, P. F. Bresee, M. M. Bovard, G. W. Elwood, J. S. Kline, and W. A. Knighten.

Committee on District Conference Records—G. F. Bovard and O. S. Frambes.

On motion of J. A. McMillan it was ordered that the missionary money given to the charges should not be included in the report on salary.

J. W. Van Cleve of Southern Illinois Conference was introduced. The Bishop announced his transfer to this Conference.

On motion of T. E. Robinson one person from each district was appointed to receive the benevolent collections from the several districts: Los Angeles District, G. W. Elwood; Santa Barbara District, F. S. Thomas; Fresno District, J. S. Kline; German District, Wm. Schuldt.

On motion of S. J. Kahler the case of G. W. Story was referred to the following committee: M. M. Bovard, C. Leach, J. R. Gregory, T. E. Robinson, A. W. Bunker.

On motion of J. A. McMillan it was ordered that all candi-

dates for examination appear before their respective committees at the seat of the Conference.

The President informed the Conference that it could draw on the Book Concern Fund for \$78. The draft was ordered.

Communications were received and disposed as follows:

From Board of Education, referred to Committee on Education. From Book Committee, referred to Committee on Publishing Interests. From Commission on General Conference Entertainment, referred to E. S. Chase.

On motion the time was extended.

Communication from Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund read by the Secretary, and referred to the Committee on Episcopal Fund.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fowler.

SECOND DAY, SEPT. 11.

THE Conference opened with devotional services conducted by P. F. Bresee. At 8:30 A. M. the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Question Fifth—"Who are admitted into full connection?"—was taken up. George F. Bovard and E. N. Currier were called. Their characters were passed, the Committee of Examination reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and they were requested to appear before the Committee on Admission to the Conference.

On motion of J. R. Gregory the Committee on Admission to the Conference be construed to include admission on trial, into full connection, and re-admission.

C. W. F. Nelson was called, his character was passed, Committee of Examination reported, Presiding Elder represented him, and his case was referred to the Committee on Admission.

Victor A. Henry was called, his character passed, Presiding Elder represented him and moved to refer his case to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Question Fourteenth—"What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?"—was taken up. J. H. White was called, Com-

mittee of Examination reported, and on motion of D. Cobb his case was referred to the committee on the case of G. W. Story.

O. S. Frambes and A. H. Summers were called. Their characters were passed, the Committee of Examination reported, their Presiding Elders represented them, and they were elected to Elders' Orders.

The Statistical Secretary read the names of charges whose reports were defective.

J. N. Turrentine, a located Elder of the Central Tennessee Conference, was introduced.

R. W. C. Farnsworth presented the name of I. G. Sigler, a located Deacon of the Kentucky Conference, for re-admission, and his case was referred to the Committee on Admission to the Conference.

Question Thirteenth—"Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?"—was taken up. W. Schuldert, Wilbur F. Wenk, Felix S. Thomas and Chas. W. Stowell were called. Their characters were passed, Committee of Examination reported, they were represented by their Presiding Elders, and on motion advanced to next year's class.

M. L. Whitmore was called, his character passed, and he was granted a location, at his own request.

Question Ten—"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" None.

Question Sixteenth—"What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" The recommendation of C. B. Pershing, from the Los Angeles District Conference, was presented by R. W. C. Farnsworth, Committee of Examination reported, the Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Elder's orders.

Bishop Fowler addressed the Conference in reference to a Theological Seminary in connection with the University of Southern California. He stated that the Hon. C. Maclay of San Fernando had proposed to furnish grounds and buildings, and an endowment of \$100,000, to establish such a Seminary.

The doxology was sung.

Question Eighteenth—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" J. M. Campbell, S. B. Guiberson, I. M. Leihy, A. M. Hough, D. A. Crowell, J. W. Leach and N. M. Learned were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

C. W. Tarr was called, his character was passed, and he was made effective.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth Charles Shelling was granted a supernumerary relation.

Question Nineteenth—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" A. Higbie and H. J. Shaffner were called, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

J. H. Book was called, his character passed, and his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Question Third—"Who remain on trial?"—was taken up. S. J. Fleming and G. W. White were called, their characters passed, Committee of Examination reported, and they were advanced—G. W. White to have the privilege of being examined in the second and third years' studies.

J. A. McMillan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no reports of Examining Committees will be received unless the examination be held on the day previous to the opening of Conference.

On motion it was laid on the table.

Question Thirty-three—"Where shall the next Conference be held?"—was taken up. The following places were put in nomination and represented: Fort Street, Los Angeles, San Diego, Tulare City, and Asbury. San Diego was selected.

Committee on General Conference Entertainment read its report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 1.)

Committee on Episcopal Residence read a report, which was amended and adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Committee on Conference Relation recommended that M. Miller be granted a location at his own request. It was granted.

The Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 3.)

J. B. Green moved that a committee of five be appointed with power to incorporate the Conference.

On motion of P. F. Bresee the Los Angeles District Conference was instructed to elect Trustees of Long Beach Association.

On motion of G. W. Elwood it was ordered that the Long Beach property be reported as other church property.

J. E. McCann, fraternal delegate from the Los Angeles Con-

ference of the M. E. Church South, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of E. S. Chase it was ordered that fraternal delegates be appointed to all the evangelical churches in Southern California.

Bishop Fowler responded to J. E. McCann.

Notices were given, Doxology sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY, SEPT. 12.

THE Conference opened at 8 A. M. with devotional services conducted by F. S. Woodcock. At 8:30 the Bishop took the chair.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Committee on Sabbath Observance read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 4.)

The Committee on Missionary Cause read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 5.)

The Committee on Tracts read a report, which was amended and adopted. (See Report No. 6.)

The Committee on Freedmen's Aid read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 7.)

The Bishop addressed the Conference on the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

The Committee on Pastoral Address read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 8.)

On motion of John B. Green it was ordered that the Conference proceed to elect Trustees.

On motion of J. B. Green the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for the following persons: R. W. C. Farnsworth, M. M. Bovard, A. W. Bunker, T. E. Robinson, J. B. Green.

On motion of J. B. Green the matter of unpaid subscription to the Haven Monument be referred to the Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District.

On motion of E. S. Chase the Bishop was requested to appoint a Committee on Pastoral Address, to report at the next

session. Also, to appoint a member of this body to deliver a sermon on Ministerial Education, at the next session.

M. M. Bovard, for the Committee in the case of G. W. Story, reported.

On motion of W. A. Knighten a select number was ordered to try the above case.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read and adopted. (See Report No. 9.)

Report of the Committee on Records of District Conferences was read and adopted. (See Report No. 10.)

The Committee on Education read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 11.)

On motion of M. M. Bovard the report of Chaffey College be published in the minutes.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, 1st, That in the transfer of the Rev. F. D. Bovard we recognize the great loss sustained in the departure of one of our most devoted and successful members, both in the pulpit and more especially in the invaluable service as Vice President of the Southern California University.

2d, That we follow our brother with our prayer for his success in his new field of labor.

E. S. CHASE.

On motion of A. Bland it was ordered that the moneys from Riverside be divided, and that the Statistical Secretary be instructed to fill in from last year's report.

W. A. Knighten announced that Col. Hollister had sent the Conference an invitation to dine at the Arlington, on Sunday, at 5 P. M. W. A. Knighten, A. Bland and E. S. Chase were appointed a committee to wait on Col. Hollister.

The Bishop announced the following as the select number in the case of G. W. Story: E. S. Chase, Charles Leach, A. L. Dearing, A. Bland, P. F. Bresee, F. D. Mather, T. E. Robinson, Wm. Nixon, F. S. Woodecock, M. F. Colburn, J. D. Crum.

M. M. Bovard was appointed chairman of the Trial Committee.

T. S. Uren was elected an Assistant Secretary of the Conference, and appointed Secretary of the above Trial Committee.

J. R. Gregory was appointed counsel for the church.

John McKelvey was appointed counsel for G. W. Story.

The Committee on Admission to the Conference was granted leave to retire.

Report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted. (See Report No. 12.)

The Temperance Committee read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 13.)

Report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was read and adopted. (See Report No. 14.)

Rev. H. B. Heacock, D. D., of the California Conference was introduced.

Bishop Fowler addressed the class for admission into full connection and asked the Disciplinary questions.

G. F. Bovard and E. N. Currier were admitted into full connection, they being already Deacons. C. W. F. Nelson was elected to Deacon's Orders and admitted into full connection.

Question Second—"Who are admitted on trial?"—was taken up. Edward S. Little was recommended by the Los Angeles District Conference; E. J. Inwood was recommended by Gonzales and Soledad Quarterly Conference; Ralph S. Badger by the Goleta Quarterly Conference; and Henry J. Crall by the Arroyo Grande Quarterly Conference. Committee of Examination reported, their Presiding Elders represented them, and they were admitted on trial.

On motion the time was extended.

J. S. Kline moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 P. M.

On motion of G. H. Bolinger the Bishop was requested to transfer L. E. Schneider, a supernumerary of Chicago German Conference, to this Conference.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION—SEPT. 12.

THE Conference called to order at 2 P. M., by the Bishop.

Devotional services were conducted by Dr. B. F. Crary.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Committee on the State of the Church read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 15.)

Question Sixth—"Who are re-admitted?"—was taken up. I. G. Sigler, a located deacon of the Kentucky Conference, was, on motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, readmitted, passed in his studies, and elected to Elder's orders.

Bishop called S. J. Kahler to the Chair.

The Committee on Church Extension read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 16.)

The Committee on Sunday School Union read a report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 17.)

On motion of A. N. Fields, the sermon by O. S. Frambes, on Ministerial Education, was requested for publication in the C. C. Advocate. The Stewards read report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 18.)

The Select Number in case of G. W. Story read report, suspending him for one year, and referred his case to the Presiding Elder of Fresno District. Adopted.

The committee in case of J. H. White recommend the passage of his character.

Dr. B. F. Crary, editor C. C. Advocate, addressed the Conference.

Question Fourteenth—"What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?"—was called. J. H. White was called; his character was passed. Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, he was passed in his studies and elected to Elder's orders.

On motion of J. B. Green, the transfer of G. W. Goodell, a supernumerary of the Vermont Conference, was requested. The Bishop announced his transfer. On motion of J. B. Green, he was made effective.

Consent was granted to the Committee on Education to change their report.

The Committee on Missions read their report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 19.)

Committee on Conference Relations recommended that F. D. Mather be made supernumerary. Granted.

Also, that Victor A. Henry be discontinued at his own request. Granted.

D. Cobb requested a supernumerary relation. It was granted. S. J. Fleming and J. A. Wachob appointed to secure adver-

tisements for minutes and assist in the publication of the minutes.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, the transfers of Selah W. Brown, supernumerary of Illinois Conference, and W. W. Bailey, supernumerary of North Ohio Conference, was requested.

The Bishop announced their transfers.

H. B. Heacock, D. D., of San Francisco, addressed the Conference on the subject of Episcopal Residence.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, Selah W. Brown, W. W. Bailey and G. W. Goodell were made effective.

G. W. Elwood requested and was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion of P. F. Bresee, the Conference Treasurer was instructed to send the moneys to the several conference claimants.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, the transfer of James Nixon, a supernumerary of Idaho Conference, was requested. The Bishop announced his transfer. On motion, he was made effective.

The name of J. H. Book was called ; his relation as superannuate continued.

On motion of A. Bland, M. M. Bovard was appointed to draft resolution on the death of Bishop Wiley, to be inserted in the minutes.

The Statistical Report, summaries by districts, Table No. 1, was read and adopted.

The following nominations were read and approved :

Triers of Appeals. (See page 3.)

To preach Missionary Sermon. (See page 4.)

To preach on Ministerial Education. (See page 4.)

Officers of Conference Societies. (See page 3.)

Committees of Examination. (See page 4.)

The following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the educational collection taken the coming year shall be for the benefit of the University, and may be sent to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the University of Southern California, and may be forwarded to him at any time, or to the President of the University.

P. F. BRESEE.

Resolved, That we have listened with deep interest to the devoted and able editor of our Church organ, the California Christian Advocate, and welcome him most heartily to our Conference. That we will double our efforts to increase the circulation of this excellent family church paper and pray for the life and health of our brother, Rev. B. F. Crary, D. D.

M. M. BOVARD,
E. S. CHASE,
A. BLAND.

To our Presiding Bishop, Rev. C. H. Fowler, D. D., LL. D.: The courtesy and ability with which you have conducted this session awakens our admiration. Your sympathy and patience has awakened our affections. The especial interest manifested in our connectional church work during the year, and the remarkable success attending those efforts has awakened our profound admiration and gratitude.

Resolved, therefore, (1.) That it is with great pleasure that we have this opportunity as a Conference to welcome you as the Resident Bishop of our Coast.

(2.) That in view of our future church interests and your especial adaptability to the work, we pray for your continuance with us for many years.

E. S. CHASE,
M. M. BOVARD.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are tendered to the pastor of this church and the families of this city for the princely manner in which they have entertained the Conference.

A. M. FIELDS,
A. BLAND.

E. S. Chase tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Committee on Episcopal Residences. R. W. C. Farnsworth was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of J. H. Peters, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the standing committees for the next Conference.

On motion of R. W. C. Farnsworth, the Trustees of the Conference, in case they could not incorporate, were appointed a committee to ascertain the necessary steps and report to the next session of the Conference.

On motion of J. H. Peters, the Secretary was instructed to insert the certificates of ordination in the minutes.

The Bishop announced the following to prepare the Pastoral Address and report at the next session: A. W. Bunker, T. E. Robinson.

At the request of B. F. Edwards, he was granted a supernumerary relation.

On motion of J. H. Peters, it was ordered that the printed minutes, when properly certified to, be the official minutes of the Conference.

DEACONS AND ELDERS ORDAINED.

This is to certify that I have this day ordained C. W. F. Nelson as Deacon, and A. H. Summers, J. H. White, C. B. Pershing, I. G. Sigler and O. S. Frambes as Elders.

C. H. FOWLER.

Done at Santa Barbara, Sept. 13, 1885.

The Bishop announced the transfer of S. A. Thomson from the Austin Conference.

P. F. Bresee moved that when the appointments are read the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop addressed the Conference and read the appointments.

The Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

C. H. FOWLER, *President.*

W. F. WENK, *Secretary.*



QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

1. Question. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

Answer. J. W. Van Cleve, from Southern Illinois; L. E. Schneider, from Chicago German; G. W. Goodell, supernumerary of Vermont; Selah W. Brown, supernumerary of Illinois; W. W. Bailey, supernumerary of North Ohio; James Nixon, supernumerary of Idaho, and S. A. Thomson, effective Elder of Austin Conferences.

2. Q. Who are admitted on trial?

A. E. S. Little, E. J. Inwood, R. S. Badger, H. J. Crall.

3. Q. Who remain on trial?

A. S. J. Fleming, G. W. White.

4. Q. Who are discontinued?

A. Victor A. Henry, at his own request.

5. Q. Who are admitted into full connection?

A. G. F. Bovard, E. N. Currier, C. W. F. Nelson.

6. Q. Who are re-admitted?

A. I. G. Sigler.

7. Q. Who are received on credentials from other churches?

A. None.

8. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

A. C. W. F. Nelson.

9. Q. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

A. C. W. F. Nelson.

10. Q. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

A. None.

11. Q. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

A. None.

12. Q. Who are Traveling Deacons of the first class?

A. G. F. Bovard, George W. James, E. N. Currier, C. W. F. Nelson.

13. Q. Who are Traveling Deacons of the second class?
A. Wm. Schuldt, C. W. Stowell, Wilbur F. Wenk,
Felix S. Thomas.
14. Q. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?
A. A. H. Summers, O. S. Frambes, J. H. White, I. G.
Sigler.
16. Q. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?
A. C. B. Pershing.
17. Q. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?
A. C. B. Pershing.
18. Q. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
A. J. M. Campbell, S. B. Guiberson, I. M. Leihy, A. M.
Hough, D. A. Crowell, J. W. Leach, N. M.
Learned, C. Shelling, F. D. Mather, D. Cobb, G.
W. Ellwood, B. F. Edwards.
19. Q. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
A. A. Higbie, H. J. Schaffner, J. H. Book.
20. Q. Was the character of each Preacher examined?
A. Yes, in open Conference.
21. Q. Have any died?
A. None.
22. Q. Have any been transferred, and to what Con-
ferences?
A. F. D. Bovard, H. H. Hall, to California Conference.
23. Q. Have any withdrawn?
A. None.
24. Q. Have any located at their own request?
A. M. L. Whitmore, M. Miller.
25. Q. Have any been located?
A. None.
26. Q. Have any been permitted to withdraw under
charges?
A. None.
27. Q. Have any been expelled?
A. None.
28. Q. Who are selected for triers of appeals?
A. A. Bland, D. Cobb, E. S. Chase, T. E. Robinson, G.
W. Ellwood, M. M. Bovard, A. W. Bunker.

29. Q. What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?
A. See Statistical Report.
30. Q. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?
A. Amount of claims not reported.
31. Q. What has been received on these claims and how has it been applied?
A. See Report of Stewards, No. 18.
32. Q. Where are the Preachers stationed?
A. See list of appointments.
33. Q. Where shall the next Conference be held?
A. San Diego, Cal.



APPOINTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—R. W. C. FARNSWORTH, P. E.—3.
(P. O. Address Los Angeles.)

	Years on Charge.
Alhambra.....	G. W. White 2
Anaheim.....	To be supplied
Artesia.....	John McKelvey 1
Azusa.....	H. J. Crall 1
Colton.....	I. G. Sigler 1
Compton.....	T. S. Uren 1
Crescenta Cañada.....	To be supplied
Cucamonga and Etiwanda.....	E. S. Little 1
Duarte.....	To be supplied by A. Proottsman 1
Elsinor.....	To be supplied
Florence.....	J. D. Crum 1
Garden Grove and Westminster.....	J. M. Rich 1
Lancaster.....	To be supplied by C. B. Pershing 1
Long Beach.....	S. J. Fleming 1
Los Angeles—Asbury.....	T. E. Robinson 1
Boyle Heights.....	J. A. Wachob 2
Fort Street.....	P. F. Bressee 3
Grace.....	S. A. Thomson 1
Main Street.....	Supplied by I. L. Spencer 1
University.....	M. F. Colburn 3
University Circuit.....	To be supplied
National City and Tia Juana.....	W. F. Wenk 1
Newhall.....	To be supplied by C. W. Wicklin 1
Newport.....	A. L. Deering 1
Ontario.....	To be supplied
Orange.....	G. F. Bovard 2
Pasadena.....	A. W. Bunker 2
Pomona.....	W. W. Bailey 1
Poway.....	James Nixon 1
Riverdale and Providencia.....	C. W. Tarr 1
Riverside.....	S. W. Brown 1
San Bernardino.....	A. H. Summers 1

San Diego.....	E. S. Chase	1
San Fernando.....	To be supplied by C. Maclay	
San Jacinto.....	To be supplied by T. B. Palmer	
Santa Ana.....	J. W. Van Cleve	1
Santa Monica.....	To be supplied by L. Janes	
M. M. Bovard, President University of Southern California, member of University Church Quarterly Conference; E. W. Vandeventer, E. N. Currier, T. B. Bradshaw, O. L. Barstow, Geo. W. James, Missionaries to Nevada.		

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—W. NIXON, P. E.—1.

(P. O. Address Santa Barbara.)

Arroyo Grande.....	F. S. Woodcock	1
Ballards.....	R. S. Badger	1
Cambria.....	To be supplied by J. W. Hinds	
Goleta.....	F. S. Thomas	1
Gonzales and Soledad.....	E. J. Inwood	1
Hueneme.....	C. W. F. Nelson	2
Jolon.....	To be supplied	
Lompoc.....	S. J. Kahler	1
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	A. N. Fields	3
San Buenaventura.....	J. H. White	3
San Luis Obispo.....	H. Cox	1
Santa Barbara.....	W. A. Knighten	3
Santa Maria.....	C. Leach	3
Santa Paula.....	To be supplied by S. Bowers	2

FRESNO DISTRICT—J. B. GREEN, P. E.—2.

(P. O. Address Fresno City.)

Alita.....	O. S. Frambes	1
Bakersfield.....	J. H. Peters	2
Central Point.....	To be supplied	
Fresno.....	G. W. Goodell	1
Fresno Circuit.....	To be supplied by R. Harris	
Grangeville.....	J. S. Kline	1
Hanford.....	J. R. Gregory	1
Kernville and Tehachipi.....	A. Bland	2
Leemore.....	To be supplied	
Mariposa and Yosemite.....	To be supplied	
Merced.....	C. W. Stowell	2

Plano.....	J. B. Collaway	2
Selma.....	To be supplied	
Traver.....	T. D. Lewis	2
Tulare City.....	J. A. McMillan	2
Visalia and St. John....To be supplied by J. N. Turrentine		1
Agent Tule River Indian Reservation.....	C. G. Belknap	

GERMAN DISTRICT—G. H. BOLINGER, P. E.

Anaheim.....	G. H. Bolinger	3
Fresno and Traver.....	To be supplied	
Los Angeles and Pasadena.....	Wm. Schuldt	3
San Luis Obispo.....	L. E. Schneider	1
Selma	To be supplied	



REPORTS.

THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

THE year opened with thirty-one appointments, every one of which has been worked to some extent. Only two, Antelope Valley and Elsinore Circuit, have been without regular preaching any considerable length of time. The former has, however, received a good amount of attention in pastoral work and preaching. The latter has had a well-established work the latter half of the year. Four charges have had two men each at work on them a part or all of the year—Cucamonga and Etiwanda, Elsinore Circuit, Poway and National City, and Garden Grove and Westminster. Twenty-one appointments are stations, six of which have outside missions. Ten are circuits with from two to five preaching places. There are about sixty preaching places in all. There should be at least five new charges next year, four of which have already been cultivated. Thirty-three men have been employed in these fields of labor, besides much irregular work done by others. Of these thirty-three men twenty-two are connected with this Conference, five are members of other Conferences, and six are local preachers. One preacher left his appointment soon after Conference, but for reasons for which he was found excusable by a committee. All others have worked faithfully through the year. There has been no serious sickness among the preachers, and no death in their families. An unsettled feeling among some of the preachers; a tendency, mainly on account of small salaries, to mingle secular employments with preaching; an insufficient proportion of young men, unmarried or with small families; and the lack of a generous superannuate's fund are threatening evils.

The question of ministerial support, though not the prime one, is of great importance. Many men are working on insufficient salaries. More missionary aid is a necessity, and all we can get from the parent society should be supplemented by some system of home aid, which should be put into operation

immediately. The immediate demands on the District for next year are at least three thousand dollars.

No churches have been built this year. The financial stress has delayed all such new enterprises. In several places the initiatory steps have been taken towards building, and at San Jacinto a brick structure is all ready well advanced. Church improvements have also been very meager.

Parsonages have been built at Santa Monica, San Bernardino, Riverside, Elsinore, and Boyle Heights. The one at Santa Monica is a very neat seaside home, costing about five hundred dollars. We have in this place now a small but very nice and complete church property. At San Bernardino a beautiful house has been built on the new church lot at a cost of about one thousand dollars, and that without the sale of the old parsonage property. When completed it will be as good a parsonage as there is in the Conference. The buildings at Riverside and Elsinore are small, and are intended as only the beginnings of more commodious structures. The one at Boyle Heights is first-class in all respects, and is worth about eleven hundred dollars. The parsonage at Orange has been improved and repaired so as to make a beautiful home.

Church and parsonage grounds have received some care and ornamentation, but not near so much as is desirable. These sacred premises ought to be kept on a par with the beautiful improvements that are being made in all our towns and cities. Anything less is unworthy of the Church and ministry.

Much attention has been given to the incorporation of churches and the looking-up of titles to our property. There has been great carelessness in these matters, and much remains to be done. Every preacher in charge should take a special interest in this work, and should not cease his endeavors until the society and property of his charge are in proper legal shape, and he knows it to be so, and that the documents are properly recorded and kept.

The benevolences have received good attention from the District Conference, the pastors and myself, though unquestionably more enthusiasm should be awakened, and there should be more efficient working of plans to impart information and secure contributions. I am convinced that blanks will occur where there is not sufficient reason for them. I confidently

look, however, for a larger per cent. of increase in benevolent contributions than in membership, and that on the whole the District will make a most excellent showing. The apportionments for all the benevolences were made for all the charges and published and special efforts have been made to raise our share of the million for missions. The amount asked of us is \$1,489, and the amount raised is \$1,502.

I have made special efforts in the Quarterly Conferences to have all the Sunday Schools organized into missionary societies, at least so far as to give some information on the subject and take one annual collection. While it is to be regretted that a few of the schools have not done even this much, it is very encouraging to know that much general progress has been made, and that a good number of schools are loyally in line, and have taken the collection regularly once a month or once a quarter.

This has been a year of more than usual revival effort. While the results in conversions have not been what might naturally be expected, an excellent work has been accomplished generally throughout the District. Some have been converted, backsliders have been reclaimed, indifferent members have been brought into activity, a great number of Christians have found a better experience, and there has been quite an extensive increase of religious life and faithfulness.

The interest in class-meetings has increased. One or more are held in nearly every church. The usual attendance is very good. The spirit and tendency are towards a thorough organization of our churches into classes.

Three camp meetings have been held in the District,—at Elsinore in May, at Trabuco in July, and at Long Beach in August. The first and last were regular District meetings, the other a local meeting under the direction of Rev. C. W. Tarr. The results were very good in each case. The meetings at Long Beach, especially, were probably more successful than the most sanguine expected.

A four-acre eucalyptus grove has been set out at Long Beach, and a chapel and pavilion costing together about three thousand dollars have been built in one corner of it, the center of the grove being so arranged as to make an immense auditorium when the trees are grown. It was a question in the minds of many whether a successful camp meeting could be held in the

midst of this growing seaside resort; but the gathering in August removed the doubts of the most skeptical, for perhaps a more harmonious, spiritual, and edifying meeting has never been held in Southern California. God set his seal upon the enterprise in a wonderful manner. Probably more than a thousand different people attended the meetings, the largest congregation at any one time being between six and seven hundred.

Bro. F. P. Sigler, of the University Church, has been giving special attention to forming children's classes in our churches according to the Discipline, and is awakening a general interest in this vital subject. There are now a good number of these classes on the District, and some of them are exceedingly prosperous and interesting. A childhood convention was held in Fort-street Church the last of April, and one at Long Beach in August, both under the leadership of Bro. Sigler. His zeal and co-operation in this matter have been a great blessing to the District. Our aim is to have a children's class in every society.

A District Conference has been successfully instituted, and two very profitable sessions have been held—one at Orange in October, the other at the University Church in June. A five days convention was held at Long Beach immediately proceeding the camp meeting—a day each being given to childhood, temperance, education, missions and class meetings. A centennial meeting was held in connection with the Elsinore camp meeting.

The University will be so fully reported by others as to need no mention here, except an expression of thankfulness for its continued success and future prospects.

The District has been specially favored and benefitted by the visit of Bishop Fowler, who attended the University commencement, the District Conference, dedicated the Long Beach Pavilion, and visited with horse and carriage nearly all the churches in the District.

Personally, the year has been a very laborious one. The District is very large, and the work demands a great deal of travel and general supervision; but God has mercifully given me strength for my duties, the unbroken fellowship of the eighty traveling and local preachers living within the District,

and the general co-operation of preachers and people. My heart is full of thankfulness to God and the Church.

The territory included within the bounds of the District is full of unfolding resources and possibilities, and our church and educational institutions have a great future before them here, if we are only wise and faithful. May God use us all as His willing servants to His eternal glory.

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

The closing of a Conference year is an epoch in the history of the Church. It touches every interest of the Church. Its session is our "Jerusalem," up to which we go, not knowing "what will befall us there." It galvanizes into life the officials of the Church, and leads to the irrepressible inquiry, "What shall we do?" The pastor's salary is not paid—the benevolencies are not collected. The *trite* sayings that "there is no money in the country," crops are a failure," must give way now, to not a *long* pull (for time is short), but a "strong pull, and a pull all together"—pastor, Ladies' Aid Society (board of), stewards, and every friend and well-wisher of the cause, to bring the pastor's salary up. I am sorry to say that not *all* of the pastor's claims are fully met, after this strong, universal effort. Too much of the work has been left to the near close of the year, so that the strong arm of *necessity* cannot reach it. Pooling the "benevolent collections" has been tried in two or three of the charges of my district. Results will have a voice against it. While by this plan *all* objects may receive *something*, yet the *special* attention which some causes should receive on their merits is lost, and the privilege is taken away from the contributors to discriminate in their gifts to those objects, in their estimation, having special claims. The disciplinary plan is best. The pastor is required to preach on some subjects before taking his collections. The year has been sufficiently eventful to show us that goodness and mercy follow us in our work.

The pastors and their families have shared their usual health and strength for their work. They have had their trials incident to the itinerancy, but they are regarded as the seasoning

to the palatable dish. I think the preachers of my district will come to this session of our Conference with cheerful faces and happy hearts, from the battles and victories of another year.

In church building and improvements considerable has been done. At Soledad an eligible lot—a gift—has been properly deeded, the lumber put upon the ground and the church commenced within the last month. This church will be built according to the Church Extension plans. Its cost will be at least a thousand dollars. Gonzales, on the same charge, is planning to build the coming year. E. J. Inwood, a supply on that charge, has given impulse to these enterprises. On the Paso Robles charge A. N. Fields is building two churches and is planning for the third. Also a church, commenced several years ago, has been finished and will be ready for dedication soon. Bro. Fields is a success in building churches on the frontier, and, I may add, paying for them. San Luis has done a noble work, under the lead of Rev. H. H. Hall, in re-seating, frescoing, staining windows and painting the inside of their church. The church was painted outside last year. The ladies have carpeted this church throughout. The cost of these improvements, some \$1200, has been entirely met. The parsonage of this church was improved and enlarged last year. Arroyo Grande, a new charge, supplied by Bro. H. J. Crall, has purchased a very fine lot, its location just right, its deed and title all right, and some lumber on the ground. The nucleus of subscription amounting to \$800, and yet no canvass has been made. This church will cost nearly, if not quite, \$3,000. One of the Church Extension plans has been adopted by the Board of Trustees. The church at Lompoc, F. S. Woodcock, pastor, has been painted and otherwise improved during the year. The Santa Barbara church has been re-touched and improved in several ways, and the "Ladies' Aid Society" has contributed a new organ for its worship and chandeliers for its light and adorning. This is much short of what was purposed at the beginning of the year. But prudence counseled the avoidance of debt at this time. The pastor's study has been made very pleasant by an outlay of over \$70, the gift of a generous lady. The parsonage also has been enlarged and improved. The parsonage at Ventura has been somewhat improved, or rather the improvements begun last year have been completed. Only

one church (Santa Paula) in my district reported indebtedness last year. During this year that has been provided for under the pasturage of Dr. Bowers. So far as I know, no indebtedness will be reported on any church in this district this year; and no parsonage debt save one, Gonzales, which having been completed this year, and water pipes laid, with hydrant, is left with a debt of \$70 only. We have eight parsonages, and also ten churches completed and four under way to completion, making fourteen in all. The benevolences have been much increased this year. The pastors generally have given *marked* attention to the interests benevolent, and especially the cause of missions. I think the reports will show we have raised our quota of the "*million*." The basis on which the effort has been made was the number of full members at the beginning of the year. That number was 681, which multiplied by 70 cents, the amount required, per member of the whole Church to raise the million, will require \$476.70. It seems hardly probable, in view of the impoverished condition of the newer parts of my district, that that sum has been raised for missions this year. The reports will tell. The convictions of the pastors and a large part of the Church has been that the million could and ought to be raised; and as a reflex result being increased appropriations to our needy Coast work. Other objects, I think, have been well remembered. In the matter of the support of the ministry, I would say: About five or six of the pastors will report in full their allowance. About the same number will report a large per cent. of their claims. One will report enough received to keep soul and body together. The other two have been obliged to adopt Pauline methods, and are able, with the Apostle, to say, "these hands have ministered to my necessities." These brethren I have pitied and helped what I could.

We shall report considerable increase of membership, some by immigration; but the larger part by conversion. Our camp meeting, held at "Cathedral Oaks," was a decided success. Nearly forty were converted, or reclaimed, and the Church greatly strengthened, and a goodly number claimed to have been cleansed by the blood of Christ. Santa Maria has enjoyed the best revival ever known in that town. San Luis, Arroyo Grande, Ballard and Gonzales have

shared quite largely in revival interest and numerical increase, while Santa Paula, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Lompoc and Goleta have held serial services, with more or less success. Goleta and Santa Barbara shared largely the fruits of the camp meeting.

We held a "Centennial Convention" in this city in December last, in obedience to Conference resolution, which resulted in great good to those who were able to attend. Papers were read and sermons and addresses delivered of great merit. We planned at this convention for centennial offerings, for educational work; but I fear we shall not show corresponding results at this session. Yet something has been done for our educational enterprises, as reports will show. I will not say much of the great labor, extensive travels and the unenjoyable methods of mountain-climbing, river-crossings (in wet seasons), nor steamship rolling, and at times plunging and what quite frequently follows; nor of absence from home, on an average of twenty-five days in a month. These things are incident to a new and rough country, without railroads or bridges; but will offset all this with the greetings and welcomes to parsonages and more private homes, the general appreciation of the Presiding Elders' offices and services, and more than all the victories gained, through Christ, and the general advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom all along the line. I have aimed to bring the charges up to a disciplinary standard in the business done and the manner of doing it. Have kept the charges as nearly as I could to the original *idea* of quarterly meeting services, occupying both Saturday and Sabbath in their sessions. This arrangement has been acceptable and useful. I have enjoyed most pleasant relations with preachers and people. It is with pleasure I record these facts; and further, that we have peace in all our borders. We have no disloyalty to the Church within our bounds. The incumbent of Santa Barbara District for the coming year will find a clear and open field and Methodism in the ascendant. I am in hearty fellowship with the members of this Conference. I thank them for the kindness shown me, and the pastors and their wives of my District, for the many ways in which they have encouraged and helped me during these tried, eventful years. Less than a month ago I passed the 42d mile-stone of my intinerant life.

These years have been without a break of a month by personal or family sickness. Fourteen of these years were spent in New York, twenty-five in Minnesota and three in Southern California.

"Happy, if with my latest breath,
I may but gasp his name—
Preach him to all and cry in death,
Behold! behold the Lamb!"

D. COBB.

FRESNO DISTRICT.

Fresno District embraces all that part of the great interior valley and of the Sierra Nevada mountains, included in Merced, Mariposa, Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties. It is the newest, most thinly settled and least perfectly organized District of the Conference. Geographically, and in its mercantile relations, it seems detached from the remainder of the Conference.

Some difficult problems met us at the beginning of the year. With but twelve preachers to occupy a territory about 250 miles in length, and of indefinite breadth, a District organization seemed impossible. With a membership of but 342 and about 60 probationers, and with less missionary help than a like number of charges of twice our strength in other parts of the Conference, it seemed unreasonable to expect a proper support for the twelve preachers and Presiding Elder.

Financial matters were made more difficult to manage by a partial failure of crops and a visitation of grasshoppers. But "none of these things moved" the preachers of Fresno District. They went to their fields with promptness and zeal. If they did not accomplish the impossible, they did, at least, what none but faithful Christian men could do. They, by the grace of God, endured hardness as good soldiers. They, by faith, wrought victories for God and the church. They did their duty, they won some immediate success, they found grounds of hope for the future.

We have tried to unite the District—to acquaint the brethren with each others charges, to interest the preachers in each others labors, to create a neighborly sentiment among all the pastors and people. One result was the best District meeting last spring that has yet been held. We are more united, sym-

pathetic, harmonious and enthusiastic than ever before. The preachers and their families have been kept from suffering though their salaries were small.

We sought to more thoroughly organize the Quarterly Conferences and to introduce systematic plans for conducting their financial operations. We have paid considerable attention to the titles of our church porperty. We raised more than we were asked for toward the million dollars for missions. The amount raised was not large; but is an increase of nearly 70 per cent. over last year. There is some advance in nearly all the benevolent collections. No new debts were contracted and aconsiderable part of the old ones has been paid. The preachers and their families were usually kept in health—our members have been kept from serious defection and scandal and even preserved from death, only two or three dying during the year. We thank God for our blessing and successes and face the future with hopes of yet better things.

For the sake of brevity I may sacrifice one great object in view in this report. If I could, I would like to make the brethren see this work as I see it. I can only outline it.

Central Point, at the northern extremity of the District, is a circuit covering a territory of 25 or 30 miles by 15. Number of members and probationers, 20; no church property; several Union Sunday Schools; but none under our control. There are several most efficient Christian workers on the circuit, and a good strong preacher could build up a good charge. Bro. A. B. Gill, who supplied the work this year has closed his itinerant labors in our church, feeling the restraint of our pastorate to be irksome to him.

Kernville and Tehachepi, at the other extremity of the District, an immense circuit 80 miles long, entirely in the mountains, has been supplied by our veteran and pioneer preacher, Adam Bland. He is the only minister in charge in that great field, and, as far as I know, the people, irrespective of denominational lines, desire no other. The membership numbers about twenty. The benevolent collections are ahead of any previous year. We have no church property on this work. The population is quite limited and much scattered, and have been satisfied heretofore with school-houses and public halls as preaching places. We hope soon to report a church built somewhere near

Tehachepi, and are sure it will be done as soon as practicable.

Selma Circuit, thirty-seven members, is near the center of the District. Like the two preceding charges it has no church property. Its full financial and spiritual resources await developement. I believe it to be a charge of good promise, if it can be given a reasonable amount of care. Bro. Martin Miller has been in charge. His family and home interests seem to conflict with his fullest devotion to the itinerary, and rather than be a source of embarrassment to the appointing power he asks to be located. Bro. Miller is a man of piety, of culture and of ability as a preacher, and we can illy afford to lose him, yet I deem it wise that his request be granted.

Traver Circuit, T. D. Lewis, pastor, is a new work. The town of Traver is having a marvelous growth and the adjacent country is developing with a rapidity unequaled elsewhere in the District. A few members have been gathered together in the bounds of the circuit. A new church project has been started in the town. Several hundred dollars have been subscribed for that object, and we hope early in the next year to complete the first house of worship in this promising place. If we are disappointed in this it will be our fault—not the lack of opportunity.

Tulare City is a flourishing town of 1500 inhabitants, and our church there has had a most prosperous year. Every interest has been advanced. About a thousand dollars was raised and paid on the church debt, and a subscription of one hundred dollars is yet held, which, when collected, will discharge the balance of their floating debt. The Sabbath School is one of the most flourishing in the District. Prayer and class meetings are well attended, regularly held and are spiritual. The congregations are large and growing so that the seating capacity of the church must soon be increased to accommodate them. The pastor, J. A. McMillan, has done a faithful and successful years work. The people have proven themselves to be progressive liberal, Methodists. The last Quarterly Conference for this year was one of the largest, best organized, most harmonious and enthusiastic it has been my privilege to be in for several years. By unanimous vote and without my solicitation it first requested to be discontinued as a Mission, then invited this Annual Conference to hold its next session in their town.

Merced City is a discouraging charge. Once the leading religious organization of the place it has dwindled to the smallest. We have a neat little church and parsonage property, unincumbered by debt; but our membership is almost nothing, and our Methodism is exposed to the pity of its stronger and more successful rivals. I wish especially to protect our present pastor, C. W. Stowell, from any reflection contained in this statement. His piety and faithfulness have commanded the respect and won the affection of all with whom he has come in contact. Everything he could do, and that was much, he has done, but the downward progress of several years has scarcely been stayed. I can not but believe that our church has a mission to fill in Merced. We must not give up that field. We ought to add to its missionary appropriation, keep a good man there and try and regain our lost ground. During the year just closed, both church and parsonage were repainted and the property otherwise repaired and put in excellent condition. Toward the close of the year there was a small increase in the size of the congregation. If we can continue the present pastor another year I will hope that his self-denying devotion will be rewarded by glorious success.

Hanford, O. S. Frambes, pastor, has had the most revival influence, reports the most conversions, and is now, in number of members and probationers, the largest charge in the District. The revival was largely through the influence of Evangelists of other churches, and its permanent benefit to our church is yet to be tested. If the converts can be held and properly developed in religious life and trained in church work, this will be a strong charge. An effort is now being made to pay off a parsonage debt that has long troubled them.

Grangeville is in excellent condition, spiritually and financially, and is fast becoming a model country station. Bro. McKelvey has just closed his third year of service on this charge.

Fresno City, S. J. Kahler, pastor, has prospered spiritually and has had considerable gain in membership. In many respects it is the leading charge on the District. It is in the largest and most prosperous town between Stockton and Los Angeles. With its substantial and devout membership, in a growing community, it promises soon to be a first-class appointment.

Visalia and St. John, J. S. Kline, pastor. During the year the St. John society was supplied by Bro. Lewis in connection with Traver Circuit.

The Visalia society has striven hard to meet its obligations with partial success. This is a difficult field, and the opportunity for advancement there, which I believe is now open to us, must be improved or it will soon be a hopeless one.

Plano and Alila had a good year. Our interests have been well cared for by Bro. J. B. Calloway. The prospects have not been as good as at present for several years.

All the members at Tehachipi were taken from Bakersfield last year and put in the Kernville and Tehachipi charge. This fact must be noted in connection with the statistical reports of both charges. The small society at Bakersfield was left without missionary aid. They took care of their pastor and property and are enthusiastic for Bro. J. H. Peters' return next year. Some additions were made to their membership. For the first time in their history, their Sunday School was kept up all the year. This charge is not strong enough to support a preacher without missionary aid. It depends largely on the liberality of those who are not members of the church, and we are in danger of overtaxing them and discouraging them, so as to cause their efforts for us to cease. The few good people there are as liberal as any I ever knew, but they are few and poor and if our Methodism is still to receive their support we must, if possible, encourage them with an appropriation.

We ought to open two new Circuits immediately, and will do so if we can secure the men and money. The colonies about Fresno will make an excellent field for us to cultivate, and the extensive country south of Hanford is calling for us to come with the Word of Life. Other charges might be opened, these seem imperative.

We were apprehensive a year ago that there would be serious defection in some of our charges, on the subject of Christian perfection, and as a consequence, a serious weakening of our forces. But the preachers, as far as I know, have been faithful and most of them zealous in teaching this great truth, and most of the members have been loyal and consistent. All danger is not yet past. The influence of irresponsible teachers, unreasonable and insubordinate individuals among the members,

demand continued watchfulness, zeal and patience on the part of the preachers. We have tried to make this chief characteristic of our experience prominent in our ministrations, and as long as our pastors continue true to scriptural and Methodist doctrine and experience, we have no need to fear serious defection on this ground.

The outlook for our territory is fine. Population is increasing, productions are being multiplied, towns are growing rapidly and farming communities are developing most wonderfully. The dry, sandy plains of a few years ago are being changed to fields of luxuriant grain and alfalfa, orchards of as fine deciduous fruits as grow anywhere, and homes rivaling in beauty the more noted sections of our State. Brethren, what used to be regarded as our limbo for fractious preachers and the supreme test for faithful men of Methodism and of God, has passed away. More thriving and flourishing towns and more healthful as far as I can see, are not in Southern California than Merced, Fresno and Tulare. For promise of solid growth, Hanford, Grangeville and Visalia are unexcelled. For rapidity of development of substantial agricultural resources the country about Traver is a marvel to me. I know Southern California pretty well from Monterey and Stanislaus to San Diego, and my judgment is that for permanent prosperity, based on productive soil and abundant water, and for large population, there is no territory in our bounds that has such a promise as Merced, Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties. Other churches see this and act accordingly. They are sending their missionaries into every community and sending thousands of dollars of missionary money to support them. In some places we are not holding our own in this spiritual competition. Fields that call in vain for us are entered and harvested by others. Larger missionary appropriations with their promise of less demand on the people's scanty resources draw from us some of our members. Pastorates complicated with secular labors have been too numerous and have been unprofitable for us. This country makes great demands upon this Conference. These charges are and will be about what Methodist preachers make them. It will take our best men and all our resources to measure up to our opportunities. As a Conference we have not appreciated this part of our territory—we do not begin to

know the wealth of this part of our inheritance. Its development is slower than that of some other localities. It is different, being largely agricultural, and settled by poor people; but even now this great valley is feeding the more wealthy centers, and is sending its products to all lands, and in a few years it will be filled with a prosperous population, more extensive than we dream of. God grant us means and strength to lay our foundations broad and deep that we may take this great country for Methodism and for Christ.

JOHN B. GREEN.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ENTERTAINMENT, NO. 1.

Think the plan of the Commission for the entertainment of the next General Conference be approved by this Conference, and the amount apportioned to this Conference, viz: \$199.00 be apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the several Districts, and that the following sub-committees for the various Districts be as follows:

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT—R. W. C. Farnsworth, P. E., P. F. Bresee, C. H. Bradley.

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT—W. Nixon, P. E., W. A. Knighten, E. M. Pyle.

FRESNO DISTRICT—J. B. Green, P. E., J. H. Peters, A. W. Lane, E. S. Chase.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE, NO. 2.

Your committee have examined the question referred to them, and find that the brethren at San Francisco have taken the initiative in building a suitable residence for the resident Bishop, that they have estimated the cost at \$15,000, and have apportioned the sum as follows:

California Conference.....	\$ 8,500
Southern California Conference.....	3,000
Oregon Conference.....	1,500
Columbia River Conference.....	750
Puget Sound Conference.....	500
Arizona Mission Conference.....	250
Nevada Mission Conference.....	250
Idaho Mission Conference.....	250
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	\$15,000

In the opinion of your Committee, the amount apportioned to this Conference is a just division of the above amount, and should be raised by this Conference. Therefore,

Resolved, That we recognize the great necessity of this movement. That we approve the action of our brethren for the erection of a suitable residence at San Francisco, and that we accept the amount apportioned to this Conference.

That the Presiding Elders be and are hereby instructed to apportion the same to the several charges of the Conference, according to the apportionment of the pastor's salary. Each pastor shall appoint a committee of at least three, of which he shall be chairman, whose duty it shall be to arrange for and collect the amount apportioned to the charge. It shall be the duty of this Committee to report to the Conference Secretary to be appointed for this purpose prior to January 1, 1886, remitting to him the amount of said apportionment, or at the option of said Committee, they may collect and report one half of said apportionment, they assuming the collection of the remaining half within the addition of 10 per cent., within one year from January 1, 1886. That there be also appointed a Central Committee, who shall have full oversight of this business, and that such Committee shall be Judge R. M. Widney, S. C. Hubbell, A. E. Pomeroy, G. Wiley Wells, R. W. C. Farnsworth, M. M. Bovard and P. F. Bresee.

The Presiding Elder shall ask the question of the First Quarterly Conference in each charge, whether such Committee has been appointed, and whether the work is being done. That E. S. Chase be appointed Conference Secretary for the above said purpose. They shall from time to time inform the General Committee of the consideration of the work, and pay over to the Treasurer of the said Central Committee such monies as he shall have received from the several charges, who shall pay over to the Rev. H. B. Heacock, Treasurer of General Committee at San Francisco.

E. S. CHASE.
M. M. BOVARD,
P. F. BRESEE,
W. A. KNIGHTEN,
G. W. ELWOOD,
J. S. KLINE.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NO. 3.

Your committee to whom was referred the cause of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would present the following report:

We recognize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as a most efficient helper in the work of spreading the Gospel in foreign lands.

We congratulate the society on the success that has attended its work from the beginning, but especially do we commend the growth of its work within the limits of our Conference during the year.

We rejoice in the increase of auxilary societies, the enlargement of collections, the increase of general interest, and the wider circulation of that admirable paper, the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

We heartily and earnestly bid our sisters God-speed in their noble mission, assuring them that they will ever receive a hearty welcome to our charges when representing their work and organizing auxilaries.

M. F. COLBURN,
ADAM BLAND,
W. A. KNIGHTEN.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE, NO. 4.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We recognize the Christian Sabbath as of Divine appointment, and regard its strictest observance absolutely essential to the stability and progress of our glorious Christianity; and we look upon any attempt to abandon it as a sacred institution as a most wicked stroke at the foundation of both Church and State. We earnestly deprecate the fact that in most, if not all, of our communities many of the citizens devote the Lord's Day to pleasure-seeking by patronizing excursions and picnics and by visiting. Many places of business are kept open all day Sunday, and there is a tendency on the part of some of our people to encourage this species of wickedness by their patronage. The influence of some well-meaning persons is given in favor of Sunday desecration by their opinions and practices in favor of observing Saturday instead. Therefore,

Resolved, That we, as ministers, will use our most earnest efforts, by preaching and practicing and in all proper ways, to bring the members of our churches and all the people to a strict observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Resolved, That as Christian ministers or members of churches we cannot consistently aid by our ballots or otherwise, in placing men in offices of trust who have not been previously pronounced in favor of Sunday observance.

Resolved, That we will devote ourselves to the most earnest efforts

toward the creation of the strongest possible public sentiment in favor of the enactment and enforcement of such Sunday laws as will secure to all lovers of the Sabbath such legal protection as they desire, and as their cause deserves, and that we urgently invite all order-loving people to unite their influence with ours in the interests of this important matter.

ADAM BLAND,
J. R. GREGORY,
JNO. A. WACHOB,
Committee.

MISSIONARY CAUSE, NO. 5.

Your committee reports as follows: That we recognize in this branch of church enterprise, the Spirit of the Blessed Master, seeking through man to spread the light of the Gospel and Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the lost and perishing of earth. The claims of God are upon us in reclaiming the world to Him, and though we may raise the "million for missions," we have not reached the limit of our ability and obligation. Many doors are open for us here at home, as well as in foreign lands. On the Pacific Coast we have greater need of help to-day, from the Missionary Society than ever before. The work ought to suffer nothing through our lack of earnestness, energy and devotion. Notwithstanding we have redeemed our pledge, made at our last annual meeting to increase our collections, we pledge ourselves to still greater efforts, and in view of the fact that the East is pouring into our vast unoccupied territory thousands of intelligent citizens, who must be gathered into the church and fed with the bread of life. We respectfully ask that the Missionary Society appropriate five thousand dollars as the least amount that will meet the demands of this growing work.

C. W. TARR,
ADAM BLAND,
F. S. THOMAS.

TRACTS, NO. 6.

We believe that the Tract Society is doing a good work in publishing and distributing tracts. We recommend that this work be fully utilized by our churches and preachers by a faithful distribution of tracts. Any church taking a collection for this Society, on making application to Phillips & Hunt, 805

Broadway, New York, or to Rev. J. B. Hill, 1041 Market street, San Francisco, receive a grant of our half, the amount in tracts.

B. F. EDWARDS,
W. F. WENK,
J. S. KLINE.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY, NO. 7.

All true civil government is of God. The prosperity of a nation depends upon its conformity to the principles of the Gospel.

In a republic like ours, where the government is by the people, an intelligent, Christian ballot is an absolute necessity to its continued existence, prosperity and happiness.

The law of self-preservation makes it the duty of the State to give every citizen a Christian education so far as it relates to civil government.

If the State does not do this, the Church of Christ must.

The millions of Freedmen and their descendants are to become a mighty factor in the uplifting or downfall of this great nation.

And their influence for good or evil will depend upon the Christian culture they receive through the Church. Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and will do all we can, as Ministers of the Gospel, to promote its interests and make it still more successful than in the past.

A. L. DEARING,
J. H. PETERS,
C. W. F. NELSON,
Committee.

PASTORAL ADDRESS, NO. 8.

DEAR BRETHREN: Ye are called with a holy calling, therefore be ye holy. Ye are called to liberty; use not your liberty for an occasion to the flesh. Ye are called the children of God; walk worthy of your vocation. Without censoriousness, permit us to call your attention to sources of danger to your spiritual life, that you may avoid them; and to means of increased usefulness in God's service.

There is danger from the prevalence of worldly amusements. Let us shun all such diversions as cannot be taken in the name

of our Lord Jesus. Dancing, card-playing, theater-going, attending shows and exhibits where the chief attraction is horse-racing and its attendant abominations, should be avoided. Let such things not be named among us as becometh saints.

A second danger is from neglecting the means of grace. Seek the class and prayer meeting and profit by all the social assemblies of the saints. Be always found at the public worship, and give the Sabbath School your enthusiastic support. Be ye workers in the Lord's vineyard.

A third danger is from worldliness. The love of money may easily grow stronger than the love of Christ. Christian enterprises languish while the wealth of the Church increases. These things ought not so to be. Let the divine rule of giving be adopted; let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him—at least one-tenth of his years in crime—so that ye may abound in the grace of liberality. This will multiply many other graces and enable the Church to increase her usefulness and power.

We earnestly recommend that our members should take and read our periodicals, patronize our Sunday School helps, send their children to our own institutions of learning, and endow our own schools with sufficient means to prosecute their work successfully. While much has been done in this respect there is still room for great advancement. Our own literature and institutions are inferior to no other, and deserve support. Let them have it.

Lastly, brethren, seek the fullness of Christ. Prove to the uttermost the grace of God that saves. Give yourselves wholly to Christ and his cause. Let your good works shine to the glory of God. Abound in all goodness and zeal and knowledge. Put on all the mind of Christ in humility and self-sacrifice and godliness. Stand fast in Christian liberty and be not carried away with strange doctrines. So shall ye grow strong in the Lord and in the power of his might; and when you are called hence, ye shall be received into everlasting habitations. Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

S. J. KAHLER,
F. S. WOODCOCK,
A. H. SUMMERS.

AUDITING COMMITTEE, NO. 9.

Rev. G. H. Bolinger had a check for \$250 unexpended, we give him a receipt for it, and have it subject to the disposal of the Conference.

All other accounts are correct.

J. A. McMILLAN,
W. A. KNIGHTEN.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORD, NO. 10.

No records except those of Los Angeles District have been placed in our hands for examination. We find they are properly kept, with the exception of a few mistakes of minor importance.

G. F. BOVARD,
O. S. FRAMBES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, NO. 11.

We are thankful to be able to report fine advancement all along the line of our educational work. In the work done in our halls of learning, in the securing of able instruction for the future, in generous donations to our different departments, and the promising outlook for the future.

COLLEGE OF ARTS.

Successful work has been done by the teachers. A fine class has been graduated, and the under-graduate classes are full of hope and promise, and the preparatory department is preparing a large number of students for the regular college classes. The school is crowded for space to do its work. The imperative call for better accommodation has been heard and heeded by its friends, so that now, according to most ample and excellent plans, the new building has progressed to the second story, where, unfortunately, it has been stopped for some time, on account of scarcity of funds, as work could not be done beyond the means on hand. Work will soon be resumed, and it is confidently expected that in a few months the building will be enclosed, and when completed will be in every way well adapted to and commodious for carrying on the work in a way to meet the demands for many years to come.

The collegiate year opens Wednesday, September 16th, with enlarged facilities for carrying on the thorough educational work for which it has already become celebrated. Especially is this seen in the enlarged faculty and the pains that has been taken to secure the ripest scholarship and the best skilled teachers for the various chairs. Rev. M. M. Bovard, A. M., who during the years of his connection with the University has won so enviable a reputation as a teacher and manager of affairs, remains at its head as President. Prof. N. M. Wheeler, A. M., Ph. D., fills the Chair of Greek and History. Professor Wheeler is a graduate of Syracuse University, from which he also received his degree of Ph. D. For the past six years he has been Professor of Greek and History in Lawrence University, Wisconsin. He is also a member of the American Historical Association, and for the last four years has been one of the regular lecturers at the Teachers' Institutes and Assemblies at Island Park, Ind., and Monona Lake, Wis. Not only is the institution, but Southern California, to be congratulated on the accession of so accomplished an educator as Professor Wheeler.

Professor E. R. Shrader, A. M., fills the Chair of Mathematics and Chemistry. Professor Shrader is a graduate of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., and took special courses in chemistry both in Philadelphia and Chicago. For five years he was a professor in his *Alma Mater*, when he accepted the Chair of Chemistry in Chaddock College, at Quincy, Ill., where he has been for six years.

Professor Wiesendanger fills the Chair of Modern Languages and Physics. Professor W. is a native of Switzerland, and both French and German are native tongues to him. He is a graduate of Berne. Was Professor of Modern Languages and Physics for ten years in London. He is a specialist in electricity, and this department will give special attention to electrical engineering.

Professor Ida B. Lindley continues in the chair of Latin and English. Her excellent qualities as a successful teacher are well-known by all who have had any relation to the school.

J. P. Widney, A. M., M. D., Professor of English Literature and Physiology, will continue his lectures.

Mrs. N. M. Wheeler, A. M., assistant preceptress, will have charge of the young ladies in the boarding hall.

Prof. Mrs. C. S. Nellis, Bach-Mu., will continue to have charge of the department of vocal and instrumental music.

Also, Prof. Mrs. S. S. Durbin will continue at the head of the art department, teaching painting and drawing.

Fortuitous circumstances only could have enabled the Board of Directors of this institution to bring together so large a number of persons so highly distinguished as teachers in their various departments. Several of the above-named professors would have remained in institutions in the East, which were loth to part with them, but for the fact that for some member of the family a change of climate was necessary, and the sunshine and flowers of Southern California invited them. They came, bringing their culture and experience, to add to the wealth of our institutions, and enabling this young University to provide in its teachers excellence equal to any in the land.

The street cars run from the central parts of the city every twenty-four minutes, and, as two of the professors will go back and forth every day, they will kindly give care to any who may desire to put their children under their protection.

MEDICAL COLLEGE.

A College of Medicine has been organized with an able faculty of 16 members, who are eminent in their profession, and the department is fully provided for and equipped, having lecture rooms and large hospitals at their disposal, and quite a large number of students have signified their expectation to be in attendance during the coming year. The success of this college is assured.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

The building at Ontario has been completed and paid for, at a cost of \$12,000, and a school will be opened at once to meet local school needs.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee have carefully considered the generous offer of Hon. Chas. McClay, made to the Conference through Bishop Fowler. To donate suitable grounds at San Fernando, and during the year, Mrs. Sarah E. Tansey has made a most liberal donation of land, valued at \$20,000, for the purpose of endowing a Chair of Christian Ethics. This gift was most timely, giving encouragement to the Institution, cheering the hearts

and strengthening the hands of its friends, and was the mentory gift, which was in some measure to prepare the way for the stream which is to follow, until our University in its equipment and power for good shall be the peer of any in the land.

This was followed by a gift of \$10,000 in lands from G. W. Morgan, Esq., to our building fund. A part of which has already been negotiated, and will enable the Board of Directors to enclose the fine new building. This gift was very liberal and opportune, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

That we hereby express our high appreciation of these generous gifts of these friends of our institutions of learning, and return to them our warmest thanks; to erect suitable buildings thereon and to endow the same with one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars; the same to be a department of and under the control of the University of Southern California.

We recommend the following resolution to-wit:

Resolved, first. That we have heard with great pleasure and thankfulness of the magnificent offer of our brother, C. McClay, to establish and endow a Theological Seminary in connection with our University, the same to be located at San Fernando.

Second. That we gratefully accept said offer, and return to the generous donor our most hearty thanks for his princely gift.

Third. That a committee of three, to consist of the Bishop, the President of the University, and the Presiding Elder of Los Angeles District, to adjust the business necessary for the arrangement and completion of this matter.

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES.

Endowment contract.....	\$ 20,500
Loan on mortgages.....	6,000
Discretionary fund.....	2,000
140 unsold lots.....	56,000
Hodge Hall.....	5,000
Campus and building.....	25,000
New college building (cost).....	1,000
Subscription in hand and cash.....	12,000
Land	11,000
Mrs. Tansey's gift.....	20,000
 Total	 \$167,500

Your committee recommend that the following persons be elected Directors: H. Sinsabaugh, P. F. Bresee, D. O. Miltnore, S. C. Hubbell, A. M. Hough, Chas. McClay, R. M. Widney, P. M. Green, H. C. Sigler, E. F. Spence, G. Wiley Wells.

Associate Directors: John G. Downey, T. R. Bard, C. H. Bradley, Clark Whittier, A. W. Bunker, E. S. Chase, R. W. C. Farnsworth, Chas. Shelling. Visitors to the University: T. E. Robinson, G. W. White, M. F. Colburn, S. J. Kahler, J. A. McMellan, Chas. Leach.

. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will preach on the subject of Christian education, and recommend to our people to seek through it the spiritual and intellectual culture for their children; that they can only secure at a Christian school.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The success of Children's Day as arranged for by the General Conference is a matter of congratulation. The power of childhood is thus recognized and utilized by the Church for the advancement of her educational interests. We commend the keeping of the day to all the churches, and that collections be taken for the Educational Fund.

P. F. BRESEE.

BIBLE CAUSE, NO. 12.

Your committee on the Bible Cause would respectfully report: That we reaffirm resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 as reported last Conference:

First. That we fully appreciate and heartily endorse the very benevolent and Christian efforts of the American Bible Society to give the Holy Scriptures to every nation and people in their own mother tongue as far as possible.

Second. That we approve the plan of redistricting the Bible work on this Coast, and of making each district society an Auxiliary of the Parent Society in New York.

Third. That we will, to the extent of our ability, co-operate with the Parent Society, or the Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of our Conference in supplying the destitute, whether families or individuals, with the precious Bible.

Fourth. That we will welcome the authorized agents of either the Parent or Auxiliary Societies to our pulpits for the purpose of presenting the claims of the Bible and in collecting funds for its circulation.

Fifth. That we sympathize deeply with our General Superintendent on this Coast, the Rev. John Thompson, in his severe affliction, and earnestly hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

Sixth. That we deprecate the necessity of the Parent Society, which compelled them to suspend the canvass in Southern California District,

composed of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, Inyo and Mono counties.

Seventh. That we hope that the Parent Society will be able at an early day to resume this canvass, as the case is urgent, many families, especially in the sparse settlements, are destitute of the Bible.

I. M. LEIHY,
O. S. FRAMBES,
F. S. THOMAS.

TEMPERANCE, NO. 13.

WHEREAS, The traffic in intoxicating liquors is the greatest evil of this age, blighting and desolating thousands of homes, filling the land with vice and our penitentiaries with criminals; and,

WHEREAS, This unholy traffic is to-day the greatest obstacle in the way of the progress of enlightenment, morality and Christianity; therefore,

Resolved, first. That we, as a body of Christian ministers, do most earnestly protest against the traffic in intoxicating liquors except for strictly medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Second. That the only true attitude of the State of California toward this great evil of intemperance is constitutional prohibition; and that as ministers of the gospel we will do all that is possible to hasten the day when, throughout the length and breadth of this State, the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage shall be branded as a criminal act.

Third. That we heartily approve the systematic and persevering efforts of the W. C. T. Union, and that we will do all we can by our co-operation to encourage the organization of these unions on all our charges.

Fourth. That we indorse their efforts to secure the incorporation of quarterly temperance lessons into the International Lesson Series.

Fifth. That we hail with pleasure the increasing interest manifest on the part of the secular press in allowing the W. C. T. U. and other temperance organizations space for the free expression of temperance principles.

Sixth. That we recommend the placing of temperance literature in all our Sunday-school libraries.

Seventh. That we will make special effort to educate the children and youth of our respective charges in correct temperance sentiments and principles.

Eighth. That we regard the use of tobacco and all narcotics as unbecoming a Christian and detrimental to the health of body and soul; and that we will, in all legitimate ways, seek to discountenance its sale and use.

Ninth. That we pledge ourselves to unceasing, aggressive hostility to intemperance in all its forms.

T. D. LEWIS,
J. M. RICH,
JAMES H. WHITE.

PUBLISHING INTERESTS, NO. 14.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has taken up the work of publishing books and papers for her constituency. The Book Concern, East and West, have done their work well. The annual report shows a larger increase of sales and a much larger sum for net profits for the last year. The *California Christian Advocate* has a financial balance in its favor, and if the parent at New York lets it go, it will be able to stand. Two hundred and fifty new subscribers to our home paper ought to be the motto and aim of the pastors throughout the patronizing territory during the ensuing year. This can be accomplished if every pastor begins the canvass early, persistently presenting in the homes as well as in public the advantages of the weekly visitations of such an important, excellent and superior paper. The paper is growing better with age and is full of important matter for young and old, men and women, youth and children, saint and sinner, skeptic and believer. The *best* work cannot be done by a pastor without its efficient co-operation. The argument of loyalty to Methodism may be presented with good effect to our members to induce them to subscribe, but the intrinsic, comparative worth of the paper and the benefit to the homes and the souls of the readers is the only firm foundation. The *C. C. Advocate* is the best paper for us to recommend, not because of its superiority to the excellent publications east of the Rocky Mountains, but because it is *ours*, our *home* paper, devoted to our interests, on the ground with us.

We would call the attention of the members of the Conference to the *weekly* paper for the young people of our church, the first number of which begins in October. We bespeak for this enterprise your earnest support.

The *Methodist Review* is increasing in favor and ought to be read by laymen as well as the pastors. Finally, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Southern California Conference, will undertake to place copies of the *California Christian Advocate* and of the other periodicals of the church in every family, and our Sunday School supplies in every school, and will consider our duty to our valuable church paper and its faithful editor but partially accomplished until we succeed.

CHAS. LEACH,
J. S. KLINE,
S. J. FLEMING.

STATE OF THE CHURCH, NO. 15.

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee are thankful to Almighty God for the great spiritual blessings which He has been pleased to pour upon His Church, within the bounds of our Conference, from its organization until now. After a careful review of the Church in which we as ministers are called to labor, we have great reason to thank God for the prosperity of the work committed to our care. God has been with us in all our efforts to plant His Church in the Southern part of this State, and as wonderfully prospered and blessed the people.

We recognize the fact that there are many difficulties to be met and overcome in this new field, and feel that they can only be overcome through the Blood of the Lamb; and that the preaching of the Word, accompanied by the Holy Ghost, is the only power that can save the souls of men. The condition of the Church requires the faithful preaching of the Gospel in all its fullness and purity, by an educated and divinely called ministry.

We rejoice that the Church still holds with a firm grasp the doctrine of perfect love, and that it is preached from the pulpits as the blessed privilege of all God's people.

We look with holy pride upon our Conference institutions of learning, and the work they are doing in raising up an educated Ministry from the young men of our churches and Sunday Schools.

We rejoice in the increased interest in the cause of Temperance, and look forward to the time when God will bless the land with constitutional prohibition. And we thank God that there are such places as Long Beach, where our people can be unmolested by the evils of intemperance.

T. S. UREN,
S. J. KAHLER,
J. R. GREGORY.

CHURCH EXTENSION, NO. 16.

The Edifice holds the same relation to the cause of Christ, that the fortifications be to the army; without them the army would fail; with them success is a certainty. The fruits of many a revival have soon disappeared for lack of suitable houses in which to worship.

We need these defenses all along the line from Soledad to San Diego, linking country, town and city all together for the Master, then with a mighty Baptism from on High take Southern California for God. We cheerfully acknowledge the aid already given, and hereby resolve to pledge ourselves anew to Church Extension in all our borders.

J. H. PETERS,
A. N. FIELDS,
W. NIXON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION, NO. 17.

In view of the success of the Sunday School in the past, we gratefully acknowledge God's goodness, and pray that His blessing may still be granted on our labors. And that in the years to come we may more than ever make the Sunday School what John Wesley desired it to be, "The Nursery of the Church."

To this end we will labor primarily for the conversion of the children.

We will continue to recommend our own Church literature and introduce it wherever practicable.

And, as far as possible, we will organize Methodist schools where Union schools, or no schools now exists.

C. W. F. NELSON,
C. W. STOWELL,
T. S. UREN.

REPORT OF STEWARDS, NO. 17.

Funds on hand from collections.....	\$ 331
From Book Concern.....	78

Total \$ 409

We beg leave to recommend that it be appropriated as follows:

To Rev. A. Higbie.....	\$ 185
To Mrs. Lawton.....	135
To Mrs. Cookson.....	89

F. S. WOODCOCK,
J. B. CALLOWAY,
J. D. CRUM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

MISSIONS, NO. 19.

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT.

Anaheim	\$ 200
Azusa.....	200
Colton.....	200
Crescenta Cañada.....	100
Duarte.....	200
Elsinore.....	100
Lancaster.....	100
National City and Tia Juana	200
Newhall.....	50
Poway.....	200
San Bernardino.....	50
San Jacinto.....	50
Santa Monica.....	50

	\$1,700

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

District	\$ 100
Santa Paula.....	100
Hueneme.....	125
Goleta.....	100
Ballard..	100
Santa Maria.....	125
Arroyo Grande.....	100
Gonzales and Soledad.....	500
Paso Robles.....	100

	\$1,400

FRESNO DISTRICT.

District	\$ 350
Bakersfield.....	100
Central Point.....	100
Fresno Circuit.....	125
Keruville.....	100
Merced	150
Lemore.....	75
Plano	100
Selma Circuit.....	50
Traver Circuit.....	100
Visalia and St. John.....	150

	\$1,400

GERMAN DISTRICT.

District	\$ 650
Los Angeles.....	200
San Luis.....	500
Fresno and Traver.....	150

	\$1,500
Total to Conference.....	\$5,500

R. W. C. FARNSWORTH,
JOHN B. GREEN,
D. COBB,
Committee on Missions.

I concur: C. H. FOWLER.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Journal and reports of the Fourth Annual Session of the Southern California Conference, held in Santa Barbara, California, September 10th to 13th, 1885.

W. F. WENK, Secretary.

STATISTICS NO. 1—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

STATISTICS No. 1—Continued.

Pomona.....	3	66	2	2	1	280	1	600	132	500	100	1	13	65	17	70	7	1	4	9	2	910	18		
Poway and National City.....	10	17	2	4	1	500	1	2000	2	117	50	10	20	14	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	422	1		
Riverdale and Providencia.....	6	23	1	2	1	10,60	1	500	200	1	110	50	10	60	13	1	1	6	6	3	116	10			
Riverside.....	8	136	4	1	1	1500	1	2500	1000	400	75	1	12	64	17	1	1	2	7	1	1	694	2		
San Bernardino.....	3	56	3	3	1	1500	1	1200	46	1	16	115	20	20	40	6	1	1	2	4	1	1	1183	15	
San Diego.....	15	76	3	1	1	600	1	300	1	3	6	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	1		
San Fernando.....	6	61	1	1	1	1000	1	1500	300	50	8	1	7	60	26	3	29	4	1	2	2	1	905	21	
San Gabriel.....	4	40	1	3	1	11	1	11	11	11	30	1	11	47	10	1	11	1	2	1	2	432	1		
San Jacinto and Rockhouse.....	37	37	2	1	1	2200	1	1800	1	800	600	1	1	6	30	10	10	12	1	1	1	2	475	1	
Santa Ana.....	2	64	3	1	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	346	1	
Santa Monica.....	16	211	2081	27	17	70,65	25	1094,10,	16	20865	1371	1079	38265	3505	36,37,39	2727	1162	240	1502	2333	43	37,83	122,94	2833,10,214,0,254,626	
Total 8.....	139	726	10,7	36	30,10	26350,10	8,5500	2875,500	265	360	249	5	26	144	107	26	132	15,5	3	4	17	5	4	2	1365,16

SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

Arroyo Grande.....	11	28	1	7	1	30	1	30	1	12	5	1	4	45	1	17	70	14	4	18	5	1	1	2	61,1	6	
Ballards.....	17	42	1	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	4	30	1	14	5	3	14	5	2	1	1	1	1	256	2		
Cambria Circuit.....	4	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	2000	1	500	1	200	1	104	2	2	22	1	1	6	5	18	237	3		
Gole a.....	14	53	1	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	424	1		
Gonzales and Soledad.....	19	16	1	3	8	1	1	1	4250	1	600	1	125	1	12	4	4	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	422	1	
Hueneme.....	30	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	233	1	
Jolon ***.....	7	7	1	2	3	1	2000	1	300	113	200	129	5	1	16	162	36	9	8	2	6	18	5	3	776	6	
Lompoc.....	7	90	2	2	3	1	2000	1	300	113	200	129	5	1	6	48	22	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	457	c	
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	3	104	1	1	2	1500	1	800	829	1	12	80	5	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	756	6	
San Buenaventura.....	5	71	1	6	1	1	1	1	2500	1	800	10	1	1	15	132	43	5	6	1	1	1	1	120	1		
San Luis Obispo.....	13	67	1	6	1	1	1	1	4000	1	1200	1000	10	1	1	1	130	133	16	148	7	3	8	4	8,25	2380	12,14
Santa Barbara.....	16	149	1	1	7	4	1	1	6400	1	1700	608	40	1	12	80	15	15	2	1	1	2	5	1	1	1564	15,68
Santa Maria.....	21	38	1	2	1	900	1	250	300	1	100	100	10	10	10	10	10	10	1	1	1	2	5	1	1	617	3,10
Santa Paula.....	9	9	3	2	1	8000	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	1	1800	373	1	
Total 8.....	139	726	10,7	36	30,10	26350,10	8,5500	2875,500	265	360	249	5	26	144	107	26	132	15,5	3	4	17	5	4	2	1365,16		

GERMAN DISTRICT.

Anaheim.....	2	16	17	1	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1	1700	1
Los Angeles and Pasadena.....	15	8;	3	8	1	4000	1	2000	240	360	230	1	2	16	5	20	95	10	4	2	3	15	5	8	2	732	1
San Luis Obispo.....	3	4	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62,15	13	
Selma.....	{	No report.	}																								
Total 8.....	20	104	3	31	2	5700	1	2000	265	360	249	5	26	144	107	26	132	15,5	3	4	17	5	4	2	1365	16	

STATISTICS No. I—CONTINUED—FRESNO DISTRICT.

†No report.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Los Angeles District.....	210	.08	27	17	70	65	5	1076	3876	1711	1076	536	379	2197	1162	340	1502	234	433	37	31122	94	283	10	21400	249	626			
Santa Barbara District.....	159	7.6	10	7	36	30	1	28550	85550	2875	50	21	663	1010	918	325	40	369	811	10	24	90	65	72	83	686	43	78		
German District.....	20	4.4	3	31	2	57	1	000	5650	26	1	26	360	2202	141	107	26	133	15	5	3	16	7	4	2	1365	4	78		
Fresno District.....	58	46.5	9	3	10	11	8	158	7	5650	176	046	1287	342	9	86	57	90	16	106	19	6	12	26	65	27	2	6067	18	78
Grand Total \$.....	428	3376	49	27114	10645	157450	34	33265	16761	2940	56684	475360	5874346	689422	110306	66557	123249	289	386597	37310	329782									

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STATISTICS NO. 2—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, FOR 1885.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.									
		PASTORS.		PRES'NG ELDERS.		BIS'FS		CONF. CL'TS.			
		Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.		Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.		Deficiencies.		Apportioned.			
Anaheim.....	C. B. Pershing.....							1	1	1	1
Antelope Valley.....	H. R. Stevens.....										
Artesia and Fulton Wells	W. W. Bailey.....	700	502	198	46	3	6	5			3
Azusa.....	B. F. Edwards.....	300	225	75	16	1	1	1	1	1	1
Compton.....	L. F. Robinson.....	1100	1100	101	101	1	1	11			10
Cucamonga and Etiwanda	A. H. Summers.....	600	278	322	32	18	1	1	5		
Elsinore Circuit.....	J. M. Rich.....	370	370	370	21	21	1	1	1	1	1
Florence.....	E. W. Currier.....	700	700	4	45	6	5			2	
Garden G've and Westm'r	H. Z. Adams.....	310	310	66	66	10	9			9	
Long Beach.....	G. W. Elwood.....	300	300	11	22	2	2			5	
Los Ang'l's—Ashbury Ch.	E. S. Chase.....	1500	1500	60	60	10	10	30		10	
" Boyle Heig's.....	J. A. Wachot.....	850	850	31	31	1	1	1	1	2	
" Fort Street.....	P. F. Bresee.....	2500	2500	251	25	52	52	45		45	
" Grace Ch'rch.....	E. W. Van Deventer.....	1200	936	264	41	4	8	8	40		
" University.....	M. F. Colburn.....	1000	1000	81	81	15	15	69	69		
Newhall.....	J. D. Crum.....	160	160	10	10						
Newport.....	C. W. Tarr.....	500	343	157	26	21	2	1	2	1	
Ontario.....	S. J. Fleming.....	50	55 ⁷	16	16	1	2	1	1	2	
Orange.....	G. F. Bovard.....	720	725	51	51	6	6	28	8		
Pasadena.....	A. W. Bunker.....	1240	1240	76	76	10	10	44	15		
Pomona.....	F. D. Mather.....	844	844	61	61	5	5	24	18		
Poway and National City	James Nixon.....	400	400	21	21	1	1	1	1		
Rivervale and Proviencia	I. G. Sigler.....	178	178	26	26	1	1				
Riverside.....	C. Shelling.....	1000	1000	101	10	15	15	10	10	10	
San Bernardino.....	W. Nixon.....	825	650	175	50	40	6	4 ²	29	2	
San Diego.....	T. S. Wren.....	1100	1100	76	76	7	7	30	15		
San Fernando.....	C. Maclay.....			21	21	1	1	1	1		
San Gabrie.....	C. W. White.....	850	850	50	50	5	5	21	21		
San Jacinto and Rock'h'se	San Jacinto and R'k'se	400	400	30	30	2	2				
Santa Ana.....	A. L. Dearing.....	600	450	150	41	24	7	2	32	1	
Santa Monica.....	L. James.....	480	330	70	16	16	2	9			
		20987	19793	1411	475	1421	19	183	381	254	

STATISTICS NO. 2—SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

(Continued.)

Arroyo Grande	H. J. Crall.....	560	554	6	60	54	2	2	9	5
Ballards.....	W. F. Wenk.....	*475	*202	273	60	52	4	2	18	2
Cambria Circuit.....	F. L. Thomas.....	500	194	306	60	41		2		3
Goleta.....	J. R. Gregory.....	*535	*460	75	60	60	5	5	26	3
Gonzales and Soledad.....	E. S. Inwood	*392	*36	30	60	60	1	2	6	
Hueneme	C. W. F. Nelson.....	460	381	79	60	58	3	3	13	1
Jolon.....	M. L. Whitmore.....	500	*230	270	4	5		1	8	
Lompoc.....	F. S. Woodcock.....	*800	*700	100	110	72	9	4	45	6
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	A. M. Fieds.....	608	408	200	80	40	10	1	5	
San Buenaventura.....	J. H. White.....	*700	*650	50	100	100				
San Luis Obispo.....	H. H. Hall.....	*1100	*1100		100	100	4	4	25	6
Santa Barbara.....	W. A. Knighten.....	*1400	*1400		150	150	14	14	75	15
Santa Maria.....	Charles Leach.....	*534	*534		80	80	3	3	3	3
Santa Paula.....	Stephen Bowers.....	300	300		80	72		1	1	1
Totals.....		8864	7475	1389	1080	949	55	44	229	45

GERMAN DISTRICT.

Anaheim.....	G. H. Bolinger.....	700	700		30	30	2	2	1	1
Los Angeles and Pasadena.....	Wm. Schuldit.....	590	590		25	25	5	5	15	
San Luis Obispo.....	Theo. Stauble.....	400			12	12		1		
Santa Barbara†.....										
Selma†.....										
Totals.....		1690	1290		67	67	7	8	16	16

FRESNO DISTRICT.

Bakersfield.....	J. H. Peters.....	*1000	746	254	80	55	2	2	2	2
Central Point.....	A. B. Gill.....	500	327	172	42	42	1	1	2	2
Fresno.....	S. J. Kahler.....	800	620	180	50	50	5	4	1	1
Grangeville and Lamoree.....	John McKelvey.....	*750	750		75	70	5	5	5	1
Hanford.....	A. S. Frambes.....	*500	300	200	50	50	6	1	5	1
Kernville and Tehacapi	Adam Bland.....	562	450	112	50	50	2	2	10	1
Mariposa and Yosemite†.....	C. W. Stowell.....	*494	232	162	40	41	2	1	2	1
Merced	J. B. Callaway.....	*700	408	294	65	43				
Piano and Alila.....	Martin Miller.....	400	334	66	50	51	3	2	5	3
Selma Circuit.....	T. D. Lewis.....	400	200	200	35	35	2	1	5	3
Traver Circuit.....	J. A. McMillan.....	*700	560	140	60	60	5	1	10	1
Tulare City.....	J. S. Kline.....	*850	522	328	60	50	3	1	3	1
Visalia and St. Johns.....										
Totals.....		7656	5449	2106	657	597	36	21	50	18

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Los Angeles District.....	20987	1798	1411	1475	1421	192	183	38	254
Santa Barbara District.....	8864	7475	1389	1080	949	65	44	229	45
German District.....	1690	1290			67	67	7	8	16
Fresno District.....	7656	5449	2106	657	597	36	21	50	18

Grand Totals.....

39197 34012 4906 3279 3034 291 56 676 333

*Claim. †No report.

STATISTICS NO. 3—LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE, 1885.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.

No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers and scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total Expenses of Schools this year.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Classmates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this year.	
Anaheim.....															
Antelope Valley.....	2	7	26	8	18	24		8							
Artesia and Fulton Wells.....	1	14	60	30	15	15	70	30	50	20	12	13	20		
Azusa.....															
Compton.....	1	16	100	35	35	30	100	85	60	25	22	16	30	2	
Cucamonga and Etiwanda.....	2	5	35	12	18	5	28	23	5	25	2	5			
Elsinore Circuit.....	3	20	85	47	28	10	74	17	6	30	6	10	10	2	
Florence.....	1	11	68	35	18	15	60	208	14	20	20	12	10	7	
Garden G've and Westm'r.....	2	18	127												
Long Beach.....	1	11	120												
Los Ang'l's—Ashbury Ch., Boyle H'g'ts, Fort Street, Grace Street, University.....	1	16	150	75	35	40	14	250	75	50	15	16	55	40	
Newhall.....	1	12	88	30	40	18	72	48	55	30	30	9	10	12	
Newport.....	2	18	90	35	40	15	70	60	62	62	20	18	40	15	
Ontario.....	1	6	62	11	25	26	40		30	25	25	6	11	6	
Orange.....	1	14	102	60	18	14	80	43	30	30	12	14	62	8	
Pasadena.....	1	14	87	26	24	37	78	75			30	13	24	3	
Pomona.....	1	13	65	25	30	10	65	50	30	30	15	10	25	3	
Poway and National City.....															
Riverdale and Providencia.....	2	11	70	35	25	10	50	7	5		8	18			
Riverside.....	1	17	110												
San Bernardino.....	1	12	64	25	20	19	60	150	26	30	9	11	6	1	
San Diego.....	1	16	115	12	78	25	12	75	80	50	14	18	9	3	
San Fernando.....	1	3	6		3	3	7		12		6	3			
San Gabriel.....	1	7	60	30	20	10	45	200			10	7	6	2	
San Jacinto and Rockh'se.....	1	11	60	25	15	20	58								
Santa Ana.....	1	11	47	19	19	9	40	27	25	25	6	7	18	2	
Santa Monica.....	1	6	30	20		10	25					5			
Totals.....	36	379	2727	937	835	643	1729	1804	1241	829	523	459	314	564	155

STATISTICS NO. 3—SANTA BARBARA DISTRICT.

(Continued.)

Arroyo Grande.....	1	17	70	18	37	15	55		46	30	30	11	12	11	14
Ballards.....	1	4	30	10	10	10	25		20	25		1	3	11	
Cambria Circuit.....															
Goleta.....	2	11	104	25	43	36	90	220	35	49	49	8	10	13	11
Gonzales and Soledad.....															
Hueneme.....															
Jolon.....															
Lompoc.....	1	16	162	72	53	37	87	102	42	50	13	16	30		2
Paso Robles and Cholame.....	1	6	48	30	10	8	30	100	20		6	6	7		
San Buenaventura.....	1	12	80				60	200	65	36	36	12	19		
San Luis Obispo.....	1	15	132	42	51	39	82		38	30	30	9	14	16	7
Santa Barbara.....	1	13	202	45	70	87	124		15	75	12	13	38	12	
Santa Maria.....	1	12	90	30	30	30	70		25	25	7	11	38		12
Santa Paula.....															
Totals.....	10	106	918	272	304	262	623	622	316	320	170	79	95	164	58

GERMAN DISTRICT.

Anaheim.....	1	6	46		32	14	40	34	12	20			6	1	
Los Angeles and Pasadena.....	3	18	78	23	29	26	80	260	120				18	24	10
San Luis Obispo.....	1	2	20		10	10	15	18	1						
Santa Barbara (no report).....															
Selma (no report).....															
Totals.....	5	26	144	23	71	50	135	312	133	20			24	25	10

FRESNO DISTRICT.

Bakersfield.....	1	7	45	5	20	20	40	20	35	25	25	7	5	4	
Central Point (no report).....															
Fresno.....	1	16	100	40	40	20	70		50	50		7	14	15	
Grangeville and Lemoore.....	1	8	50	33	12		40		25			6	1		1
Hanford.....	1	10	60	25	20	15	48	50	40	50		10	10	12	5
Kernville and Tehachepi.....	1	5	12												
Mariposa and Yosemite.....															
Merced.....	1	7	28	22		6	21		9	1	1	1	5	11	
Plano and Alila.....	1	10	47	20	12	15	40		25				15	3	1
Selma Circuit (no report).....															
Traver Circuit.....										20	20	5			
Tulare City.....	1	13	150	55	70	25	80	100	80	40		7	12	25	1
Visalia and St. Johns.....	1	10	65	25	20	20	45	100	30	8	10	7	2	8	
Totals.....	9	86	557	230	194	121	384	270	244	194	56	44	69	79	8

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Los Angeles District.....	36	379	2727	937	835	643	1729	1804	1241	829	523	49	314	564	155
Santa Barbara District.....	10	106	918	272	304	262	623	622	306	320	170	79	95	164	58
German District.....	5	26	144	23	71	50	135	312	133	20			24	25	10
Fresno District.....	9	86	557	230	194	121	384	270	244	194	56	44	69	79	8

Grand Totals..... 60 597 4346 1462 1404 1076 2871 3008 1924 1363 749 532 502 82 231

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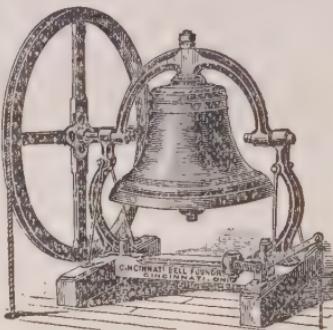
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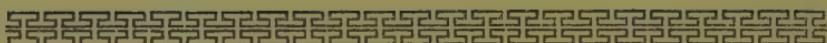
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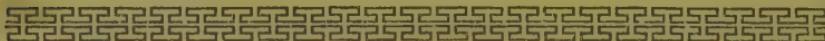
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